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Who's Who and What's What

Rev. Luther J. Holcomb will hold a youth revival in Calvary Church, Jackson, March 17-24.

On March 2 Mrs. Sim D. Thatch was married to Mr. F. J. Kenedy. Mrs. Kenedy has been active in the W. M. U. work. Address her as above at Heidelberg, Miss.

Student Nurses Wanted: The Baptist Hospital in Memphis is looking for 50 young women to train for nursing. See the half page announcement in another page of this issue.

For more than two weeks W. O. Vaught, Jr., Mississippian, now student secretary of Missouri has been laid off from work by an attack of "flu" but is rapidly recovering.

We are sorry to learn that Dr. T. F. Harvey former pastor of First Church, Hattiesburg, now pastor of Gordon St. Church, Atlanta, has been for some time critically ill at the Baptist Hospital in Atlanta.

President H. E. Dana announces that Kansas City Seminary will have two summer schools of three weeks each: One in Kansas City, Kan., and the other at Southwest Missouri Baptist Assembly, Van Buren, Mo.

Recounting that the public debt of the United States and all the smaller political units amounts to \$2,000 on every family in the country, and noting the declining birth rate, remarks, "If I were a baby, I shouldn't want to be born."

In the past seven years Pastor J. B. Quin says the Summit Church has licensed three of its young men to preach. The third was Mr. William C. Hewitt, son of the late Dr. T. E. Hewitt and of Mrs. Edna Watkins Hewitt. He is a grandson of Dr. A. C. Watkins, former missionary to Mexico, and a nephew of Rev. W. A. Hewitt, D. D. of Jackson.

Something has happened to the religion of Baptists when in a featured article in a Baptist paper, a prominent preacher can say: "In this connection it is safe to say that the old-fashioned prayer meeting during the week and the Sunday night hour of worship are doomed. Many churches have long ago given up both, while others are struggling terrifically to keep these two meetings alive. These two are going as fast as this present generation passes. There are not enough recruits to keep them going. One can meet this situation with pessimism and despair or with some challenging substitute for these sick twins! And all of this is to say that the church is compelled to go through a period and process of re-organization if it is going to function efficiently in our changing social order."

It has been suggested—we read in the Record of March 7th—that the time of the meeting of the State Convention be changed from November to February. Personally, the writer does not see the wisdom of that suggestion. The weather is always bad at that season of the year and we usually have an epidemic of influenza during February and there are other hindrances. If we are going to make a change in the time of the meeting, let's put it in July. We will have a larger attendance of our business people, our farmers and school folk. It is an off time for these. The writer favors July. We want to reach our laymen and July will suit them better.—J. B. Quin, Summit.

A LETTER

Dr. T. J. Watts
Relief and Annuity Board
Tower Petroleum Building
Dallas, Texas

Dear Dr. Watts:
Greetings!

We are happy to tell you the date has been definitely set for the Mississippi Baptist Minister's Retirement Plan to become operative. That date is July 1st, 1940. All of us wish it might have started earlier but felt funds provided would only operate the plan for six months of this year. No one wanted to face indebtedness on the Plan at the start.

We declare this office heartily for the Plan. We believe it will help both pastors and churches — therefore, the work of our Lord generally.

Thanks to you and your office for fine cooperation.

You have a total of around one hundred applications on hand. We have a few others and believe we will begin July 1st, with not less than one hundred fifty—maybe two hundred.

We would like to execute the contract with your Board prior to July 1st, that we might be ready to travel at that time.

Suggestions welcomed.

Blessings upon you and yours in Him we love,

D. A. (Scotchie) McCall, Cor. Secty.
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

It is well for every church to have a library for the use of all its members. We are glad that the Sunday School Board is doing much to encourage this factor in our church life. But these books must not be stale stuff that nobody reads. They must be alive and up to date. Of course there are some books that will be good and readable as long as time lasts, but most books serve their generation and fall on sleep. There ought to be a library committee in every church to get the right kind of books, and a librarian to push the business. When a man or woman gets a good book and has read it, the church library is a good place to put it to widen the circle of its usefulness. A sorry book that nobody wants is hurtful to a library. It gives a wrong notion of the value of the library. The library should be as fresh and as much alive as the daily papers.

The Northwestern National Life Insurance Co. of Minneapolis is doing the public a good service in gathering information about the things which shorten life and endanger health. In a recent news letter sent out they give some results from investigation by the medical fraternity as to the effects of using tobacco. Where practically no women smoked 25 years ago, fifty per cent of mothers in hospitals now smoke. Heavy smokers show definite nicotine content in the milk she gives the infant. Smoking affects the blood pressure. It slows down the flow of blood to the hands and feet. A person with stomach ulcer should never smoke, as it increases the acid which irritates the ulcer. Exhaustive records kept at Johns Hopkins for years show that heavy smokers have double the death rate of the normal people. In people predisposed to cancer, the use of tobacco is blamed for the presence of cancer. Nervous people should not smoke, as the pulse rate is often raised to 90 by the use of one cigarette.

Someone in Missouri suggests the slogan: "While others unify, let Baptists multiply."

Kagawa says that forty percent of those in hospitals for insane in Japan are there from drink or alcoholic family history.

Rev. J. W. Fagan, late pastor of Second Ave. Church, Laurel, more recently residing in Hattiesburg, has accepted a call to Pell City, Ala., and is already on the field. Mississippi loses a good man to Alabama.

More than half of the people in New York City are unassociated with any church. Somebody had better save New York to keep it from destroying the rest of the country. There were one eighth as many arrests in New York as there are people living in the city. There are said to be 1,000,000 people in it who are victims of venereal disease.

Pastor R. A. Morris says that Newton church is having large crowds, and the interest growing in church loyalty crusade. Two baptized Sunday. W.M.U. had the largest attendance ever at week of prayer, and offerings went beyond the goal. Clarke College revival next week with Secretary McCall preaching. Pray with them.

Careful and competent analysis of the beverage alcohol business in Alabama shows that in the wet counties in that state the people spent in three years \$46,545,881.04 for liquor. Of this 61.8% went out of the state to distillers and others. In this time more than 1000 people were killed by drunken drivers, an estimated loss of \$45,000,000.

An interesting feature of the Central Mississippi Pastors' Conference in Jackson Monday was a report from many pastors of the "greatest revival meeting I was ever in." Among the speakers on other subjects were brethren Owen Williams, J. S. Deaton, Webb Brame, R. L. Wallace, A. S. Johnston and P. I. Lipsey. There were thirty or more preachers present.

The Alabama Baptist says: "The special meetings conducted in Birmingham by Dr. George W. Truett came to a close on Thursday night, Feb. 29. Never did such crowds attend religious services in Birmingham as attended the services of Dr. Truett. The Southside Church, main auditorium, overflowed each night and the other auditoriums were frequently filled. While that was true of the church, the Ritz Theater down in the heart of the city was filled every day and sometimes overflowed. We do not know how many accessions there were to the Southside and other churches but we do know that the religious people were greatly strengthened in their faith and a lasting result for good was accomplished."

Pastor B. B. Hilbun and the Pontotoc church had Secretary Auber J. Wilds with him in a fine training course, March 3-8. On Sunday night he spoke to the General Assembly of the Training Union, and preached at the evening hour, a great message which every pastor and church should hear. Beginning with 84 in the classes, the attendance went to 120. There were 100 on the night when the tests were given. It proved to be a genuine enlargement campaign, though not so called. The Juniors studied "Living For Jesus," taught by Mrs. Turner Bigham and Mrs. V. L. Bigham. The Intermediates studied "Not Your Own," Rev. R. L. Ray, Jr., teaching. Young People studied "More Than Money," under Auber J. Wilds. Adults studied "The Growing Christian," Pastor Hilbun teacher. The W. M. U. served supper each evening. Pastor enjoyed having brother Wilds in his home.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Kosciusko, March 5-6

Under the leading of brother E. C. Edwards, in charge of the music of all the sessions, "Jesus is All the World to Me," was sung in the opening of the Statewide Sunday School Convention, in the First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, on last Tuesday morning. "He Leadeth Me" was then sung and brother D. A. McCall led in prayer.

The auditorium was nearly full at the opening hour and messengers were still coming, giving promise of a large attendance.

Brother Rowe C. Holcomb, pastor of the church, introduced the mayor of the city, Mr. Stokes Sanders, who in a happy way spoke words of welcome to the gathered host. These were responded to by brother Walker W. Jones, President of the Convention.

In conducting the opening devotion, brother C. Z. Holland read from Matthew 16 the account of the institution of the church. The benediction that Jesus pronounced upon Peter in declaring his faith grew out of the confidence and love that Jesus had for him was emphasized by brother Holland. It is fine and encouraging when we can manifest confidence in those about it.

In announcing the book display, Mrs. O. M. Jones, manager of the Baptist Book Store in Jackson, called especial attention to the Broadman publication issued by the Sunday School Board. She told, as a bit of information, how the Broadman Press acquired its name. It was conceived by Dr. John L. Hill by combining the names of Broadus and Manly—two of the South's outstanding preachers and leaders in their day. Mrs. Jones made an earnest plea that all orders for supplies be sent to the Book Store in Jackson rather than to Nashville.

The message of brother McCall at this time was based on the theme of the Convention, "I Press On." It was urged that the forward movement be in a number of respects: (1) Pressing On in Prayer; (2) Pressing On in Attendance at the Church Services; (3) Pressing On in Service; (4) Pressing On in Giving; (5) Pressing On in Loyalty. It was truly a practical message.

Brother Bryan Simmons led in the closing prayer.

The afternoon session began at 1:30 with a Prayer and Praise service led by brother Edwards, song leader of the Convention. Brother Holland read from Matthew 16 again but the emphasis was on a different part of the Scripture from that of the morning devotional.

Miss Ruby Taylor, State Elementary Sunday School Secretary, spoke in the interest of the children in the Elementary group in our Sunday schools. Brother John Farmer, Approved Intermediate worker, made a plea for the boys and girls of the Intermediate years.

The remaining part of the afternoon session was used in divisional conferences for the consideration of practical matters pertaining to the work of the various departments of the Sunday school, as well as the Vacation Bible school work. The afternoon session closed from the department conferences.

At the evening hour the house was packed to overflowing with every available space used to seat the hundreds of people who thronged to the building at this time. Many unable to get in the main auditorium, heard from adjoining rooms by means of loud speakers that had been installed. It was truly an inspiring crowd that gathered at this time.

Brother Edwards led the song service in a fine way with some special numbers by the local Men's Chorus under the leadership of Mr. Norman Nason.

Brother Holland used again the passage from Matthew 16 but with the emphasis upon the "Keys of the Kingdom," that Jesus gave unto Peter. It was a great devotional period.

Mr. William P. Phillips of the Sunday School Board made an earnest plea in behalf of the great number of young people and adults who are not in our Sunday schools, and many of whom are lost.

After a special number in music, Dr. R. G. Lee,

pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, spoke on the book of Esther. It was certainly a stirring, gripping, and challenging appeal as this great preacher held spell-bound the hundreds of people who heard him.

A mixed quartet of local people sang an appropriate benediction.

The Wednesday morning session began with department conferences as on the previous afternoon. The general assembly was at 10:00 o'clock with the song service directed by brother Edwards, after which brother F. J. Chastain, pastor at Lexington, spoke on the Vacation Bible school work.

Brother Holland gave the last of his four devotionals, this one also from Matthew 16, with special emphasis on some thoughts from the Lord's Prayer.

Mr. H. E. Ingraham, of the Sunday School Board, spoke on Enlargement and Bible Study for Evangelism. It was a plea for an enlarged and adequate program in our Sunday schools sufficient for the task that is before us.

After some final announcements the Committee on Nominations reported as follows: For President, Mr. J. E. Sweany of Kosciusko; for Vice-President, Rev. R. R. Brigance, Mt. Olive; Secretary, Miss Carolyn Madison, Philadelphia.

The Resolutions Committee expressed in appropriate words the thanks of the Convention to the people of Kosciusko for all the kindnesses shown in entertaining the Convention.

This committee also had this statement in its report which was adopted by the Convention: "Relative to the Orphans home, whereas this Convention, two years ago, requested the management of the Orphanage to make the chapel a memorial to J. E. Byrd, and voted to foster the effort to raise funds for said chapel, and whereas this chapel is now under construction and \$10,000.00 is needed for its completion; Be it resolved, first, that this Convention urge the Sunday schools of the state to rally to the effort to raise the \$10,000.00 by Mother's Day.

Second, that the officers of this Convention, along with the State Sunday school workers, constitute a committee to give publicity to this effort, and also to confer with the management of the Orphanage with reference to a suitable slab or portrait to be placed in the chapel."

The closing message of the Convention was made by Dr. R. G. Lee, who spoke on Christians adorning the Gospel of Christ in all things. The closing prayer was by brother Holcomb, pastor of the host church.

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Berwick Church, Amite County, joins the increasing group of churches which sends The Baptist Record to every family. Pastor W. C. Wood is the leader.

I am writing to commend the book "The Personal Evangelism of Jesus," by F. V. McFatridge. At the Evangelistic Conference in Clinton Dr. Copass made the statement that there was no work in existence on this subject. He was later told of brother McFatridge's work, which is comparatively recent. I have used the book, or rather am using it to assist in a series of prayer meeting studies on personal soul-winning. I find it very helpful. It has a fresh and warm approach to the discussion of these compelling, interesting experiences in the life of our Lord.—J. H. Street.

The introduction in the Mississippi legislature of a bill to tax a man or business operating in violation of the law, seems to us an invitation to violate the law for a consideration. However well intentioned it is an admission of weakness and inability to enforce the law. It is a surrender of the state's sovereignty, and makes a bargain with the law violator that if you will pay for it you may continue in business. It is the same thing that officers of the law in some counties in Mississippi are charged with doing, namely closing their eyes to the violation and going around once in so often and collecting graft from the gambling house, bawdy house, blind tiger or slot machine operator.

The church at Clintwood, Va., P. E. Cullom pastor has paid off its church debt, gone to full-time and has received 36 new members lately.

Evangelist E. D. Estes was in a meeting last week with Union Chapel, Coahoma County, where there are many white families who need the gospel.

We are informed that the state legislature passed a bill authorizing the State Board of Examiners to issue teacher's license to Rev. T. A. J. Beasley of New Albany.

Jones County grand jury meeting in Laurel had to send two witnesses to jail for five days before they could be made to talk. At last largely on their testimony there were 22 indictments in the February term of court. The grand jury said that 80 per cent of all crimes investigated by them were attributed directly or indirectly to liquor. However they said there is an improvement in the county in respect of crimes.

Rev. Chas. O. Cook, pastor at Hernando for the past seven years passed away last week from a sudden heart attack. He was born in Texas, came to Mississippi from Louisiana and has done a good service in his recent pastorate. A new church was completed about a year ago. The funeral service was conducted in the Hernando church by Dr. R. J. Bateman of Memphis. Bro. Cook leaves his wife, one son and two daughters. The deacons of the church were pall bearers at the funeral. He was 56 years of age.

Magee: The work here is moving smoothly and we are making progress. We voted about a third increase in missions through the cooperative plan this year in our budget. The Record has been received with gladness and I believe read with regularity and profit. Not one have I seen in the waste basket at the post office. I know it does good for all the members to get all the information the Record brings all the weeks in the year. Many who had not been taking the Record before have expressed to me their joy in receiving it, and I am sure they feel the church has an interest in them that they did not feel before. Keep the good work going.—Fraternally yours, G. O. Parker.

It was Peter's Pence which precipitated the Protestant Reformation. That is the sale of indulgences by officials of the Roman Catholic Church, which was virtually a license from the pope in Rome for people to sin, on the payment of a privilege tax. It was this heinous sin on the part of the infallible pope which made godly men sick at heart, and led them to revolt against the Catholic church and denounce its authority. The same principle is involved in licensing of liquor dealers by the government to carry on their infamous business. It is this that makes honest Mississippians despise the act of the federal government which licenses bootleggers in the state to carry on their business in violation and defiance of the state laws. Of course the government does not call it "license," but a tax. But a tax which protects any man or business which violates the law is a license to carry on the business. And to pretend anything else is to submit to the sophistry of lies.

It is with deepest regret that the Lebanon Association Pastors' Conference is losing one of our most faithful members. Rev. J. R. Reedy who has been pastor at Lumberton, Miss., for almost six years has resigned as pastor of Lumberton Baptist Church and will be pastor at Eupora Baptist Church after March 17th. During his pastorate at Lumberton Baptist Church he has paid in advance a debt of \$8,050, re-roofed the church and parsonage, painted the buildings and kept up general repairs. Since the discontinuance of the mill at Lumberton the town has decreased in number, but brother Reedy's church has grown from 229 to 285. We regret very much to lose brother Reedy from our pastors' conference, association and this section of the state. We feel that Lumberton's loss is Eupora's gain. We congratulate the Eupora Baptist Church for securing a faithful worker and a wise leader.—By Committee: L. C. Holcomb, T. W. Talkington, C. S. Moulder.

EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW

By G. C. Hodge

Every Christian Should Know That He Is A Vessel For the Master's Use.

The only reason he is allowed to remain in this world after being saved is that he might be of service to the Lord. If he is not being used it is not because the Master doesn't need him, but because he is not fit for the Master's use.

The Master can use all kinds of vessels; all kinds of people: little, big, young, old, rich, poor, male, female, wise and otherwise, but he cannot use any of them who are not in the right condition and proper position to be used.

Every Christian should know that just as he cannot use dirty dishes neither can the Master use to his honor vessels that are not clean. We might as well try to make cakes and pies with mud as to try to build spiritual homes, churches and institutions with men and women who are morally unclean, for just as mud pies, when exposed to the sun, crack open and fall to pieces, so churches and denominational institutions and agencies divide when unclean men and women try to build them. We might place selfish, unclean people in high places, but they would continue to have low motives, and the Master could not use them.

To say that unclean vessels are unfit for use is not to say they are valueless. They may be most valuable, and would be usable and useful if cleansed. All over this land are precious souls who have been redeemed and saved. Some are cultured, educated, trained, and influential, but are not being used of God. Valuable? God gave His Son for them and Jesus died for them. They could become most useful. Just as water and soap can clean knives, forks and spoons and make them usable, so can the blood of Jesus cleanse the lives and souls of men and make them usable. (I John 1:9).

It isn't enough for a vessel to be clean. Whether it is in the home, the church, or the kingdom of God, it must be willing to be used where it can render the best service. Suppose when the cook goes into the kitchen the skillet should say to her: "I have spent the most of my life in this place and I am not going to serve here another day. Look at that case in the living room. It is filled with fresh flowers each day and set on a table where all who come in may see it and admire it, while I am filled with grease and set on a hot stove to fry and stew, and who sees, admires and appreciates me? I am sick and tired of such distinctions. I am going up to the living room and sit on a table where all who come into this home may see and admire me." Should a skillet refuse to serve in the kitchen, we have an idea that it would soon find itself in a junk pile.

The writer feels like removing his hat every time he sees a tea-kettle for its spends its life in the kitchen and is up to its neck in hot water a good part of the time, but the hotter the water, the louder it sings.

The Master has vessels like that. They are as clean, as lovable, as talented, refined, cultured, consecrated and loyal as any on the earth and, like the kettle, are content to spend their lives in service in an obscure, out-of-the-way place where they are seldom seen or heard from by any outside their local communities. Surely, when their work is finished, the Master will stand to welcome them for they and others like them are essential for the building of the kingdom of God. Every Christian should know that he is not only a vessel, but a vessel fit for the Master's use.

Our sisters of Senatobia report the largest attendance ever at their observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, as well as the best free-will offering and a splendid series of programs. The observance was directed by Mrs. J. E. Veazey, president, and Mrs. R. E. Clark, program chairman, with Mrs. Lee Dean, Mrs. A. P. Carroll, Mrs. E. H. Strain, Mrs. V. P. Wait and Mrs. H. L. Martin conducting the five programs.

PENTECOST AND PRAYER—?

By W. A. Sullivan

A speaker delivering an address recently very earnestly said: "Pentecost would be repeated, if certain conditions were met. We must pay the price, if we would have another Pentecost. Pentecost must be prayed down."

The descent of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost was not in answer to prayer, as is sometimes declared or inferred. The ten days of prayer and supplication preceding Pentecost no doubt prepared those praying for the reception of the Holy Spirit. Howbeit His coming that day was a fulfillment of prophecy (Joel 2:28-32), as Peter plainly said (Acts 2:16-21). **The Holy Spirit would not have descended a day sooner not a day later than He did, prayer or no prayer.**

During what is sometimes called the old Jewish dispensation, there were seven great annual "feasts of Jehovah" (see Leviticus, chapter 23). The first of these was the feast of the passover "in the fourteenth day of the first month" (Jewish month Nisan). On that very day Christ "our passover" (I Cor. 5:7) died on the Cross. The anti-type of the feast of the passover is the death of Jesus Christ on the cross. "Our Savior Jesus Christ gave himself to redeem us from all iniquity" (Titus 2:13-14). "With his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us" (Heb. 9:12). So the prophetic type of the passover was fulfilled in the death of Jesus "in the fourteenth day of the first month" (Jewish month Nisan).

Under the "Old Dispensation" the Feast of the First-fruits (Lev. 23:10-14), a type of the resurrection of Jesus (I Cor. 15:23), came on the sixteenth day of Nisan, the first Jewish month. On that very day Jesus rose from the dead, "the first-fruits of them that slept." So the prophetic type of the feast of the first-fruits had its fulfillment in its anti-type, the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, on the very day of the typical feast, 16th day of Nisan.

The Feast of the Wave-loaves, Pentecost (Lev. 23:15-22), type of the descent of the Holy Spirit, came fifty days after the feast of the First-fruits. Exactly fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus the anti-type of the feast of the first-fruits, there came the descent of the Holy Spirit, the anti-type of the feast of the wave-loaves. On account of the relation of the feast of the wave-loaves to the other types which preceded; on account of the anti-typical fulfillment of those preceding feasts, viz., the feast of the passover and the feast of the first-fruits, "the fullness of time" came for the descent of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit did not come on the day of Pentecost because there had been a ten days prayer meeting. He came because the time had come for His descent.

We do not expect Jesus again to die on the Cross. He died "once for all." We therefore do not expect Jesus to rise again from the dead. He is risen from the dead, "the first-fruits of them that sleep"; He is alive forever more. Nor will there again be a descent of the Holy Spirit as "when the day of Pentecost was fully come." The Holy Spirit came at the time appointed of the Father. He is here. It behoves us to be careful as to what we say about "praying pentecost down."

We may have the infilling of the Holy Spirit, the endowment of His power. Through the years since the descent of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost there have been those upon whom He came mightily. Jesus said that the Father will "give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him" (Luke 11:10). That must not be interpreted to mean "If we have pre-pentecostal praying, we shall have a repetition of Pentecost." We have as much of the Spirit's power always as we are prepared to receive and use. Doubtless the greatest value of prayer for the endowment of the Holy Spirit is the preparation which such praying gives one's life for receiving Him and using His power.

Let us pray for the infilling of the Holy Spirit, for the endowment of His power. Let us quit talking about "praying Pentecost down." Let us "hold fast the ferra of sound words"

THE CHURCH MUSIC FESTIVAL WEEK

I. E. Reynolds

In our churches we have special weeks of training for the various departments of the church life. There are few churches, however, that have made a place in their church calendars for a week of church music training. No provision has been made by any denominational educational agency to aid the churches with their music program. As a result, the music in the average church is the weakest link in the church's chain of activity.

Included in this Church Music Training School or Festival should be classes, lectures and round table discussions, relative to methods of conducting the music program; the character and type of music used, and its rendition; the musicians; the music leadership; the choir, its personnel, organization, rehearsal and work; the relation of the pastor and other church leadership to the music program; and the place and purpose of congregational singing.

The schools may be held by the individual church, or may be city or association wide. They will do much to quicken the general church music interest, in addition to the helpful suggestions and general information derived from them. Try it out and see for yourself! Put it in your church calendar for the year. Either have your choir director take the lead in it or secure the services of a visiting musician. The writer hopes to see established in the various centers of the states of the Southern Baptist Convention annual Church Music Schools of at least a week's duration, in which every church within reach would be invited to participate and enjoy the benefits to be derived from such a school.

Let us begin now to bring the ideal and standard of our church music up to a higher plane, more in keeping with the other phases of our church program.

Concord Church, Franklin County Association, holds its revival meeting beginning first Sunday in August and the week following.—S. S. Sec.

After seven meetings in his home city, nationally-known Evangelist Wm. S. Dixon of Dallas, Texas, will open several meetings in Kentucky, and fill appointments in eastern states. Pastors may address him in care of Robt. H. Coleman, Dallas, Texas.

I have just returned from Martin, Tennessee, where I was called to attend the funeral of my father, William Lee Crittendon, who died at the family residence near Martin on Monday night, Feb. 26th. The funeral was conducted at New Home Baptist Church near Martin, of which dad was a charter member and where he had served as a deacon for many years.—A. F. Crittendon.

Carrying Gospel literature and supplies furnished by the China Bible house, a caravan of four sturdy 1½ ton Dodge trucks recently made the long and hazardous journey from Haiphong, port of French Indo-China, into the interior to Chungking, Western China's wartime capital. Six days and one night were required for the 1800 kilometer trek. As there are no filling stations along China's new motor roads, the caravan carried its own fuel—1800 gallons of gasoline and 20 gallons of oil. Though each truck carried almost four tons the trip was accomplished without mechanical trouble of any kind.

With the December issue, recently from the press, The Christian Thinker is discontinued. This was a paper published at Point Clear, Ala., by Dr. Gordon Hurlbutt. We have known Dr. Hurlbutt from his student days at Mississippi College and have followed his subsequent course with interest. He has suffered much, and has recently had a long and serious illness. The illness has prevented the publication of the paper for some months, and now apparently prevents further issues. From the paper and from a personal letter from him we take it that his suffering has strengthened his faith and ripened his spirit. His future is committed to the Father's direction. It is in his mind to serve through his writings in the days ahead.

EDITORIALS

EPISTLE TO THE EPHESIANS

First, it ought to be said that the Epistle To The Ephesians is not a letter to the Ephesians alone, but was apparently a letter sent to other churches, especially in that geographical area. This is evidenced by several facts. One is that some of the oldest manuscripts extant of the Greek New Testament omit "at Ephesus" in Paul's address to the readers in the first verse. From this it would seem that it was intended as a message to a larger circle than a single church, the name of the place being inserted in the separate letters sent out.

Another thing is that there is not in this Epistle any message or salutation to any individual member of the church, as there is in every other letter that Paul wrote. This appears the more singular when we remember that Paul staid in Ephesus longer than in any other place to which he wrote.

Another evidence that it was intended for a wider circle of readers seems to be found in his letter to the Colossians, 4:16, where Paul says, "And when this epistle hath been read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye also read the epistle from Laodicea." It is thought likely that the Laodicean letter was this that we speak of as the letter to the church at Ephesus.

Another reason for thinking it was intended for general circulation is that it was Paul's expectation generally that his letters were intended for wider reading than in the local church to which they were addressed. For example in the First Epistle to the church in Corinth, he says it was for not only that church, but for "all that call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place." The same fundamental needs are found everywhere; the same truth is applicable everywhere; what Peter calls "a like precious faith" is found everywhere. It is because of this that these epistles and the whole of the New Testament is as valuable for our generation, and for every generation, as for the apostolic age. John sent at the command of the Lord the letters to the Seven churches in Asia, though intended for individual churches, all the letters to all the churches. Paul didn't have a religious paper in which he could send his message every week to all the families in the churches, so he had to do the best he could by sending his letters to the churches, ask that they be read in the churches and then passed on to other churches to be read. Pass it on was his request.

There is another thing which ought to be said about this epistle as a whole. It seems to have been intended especially for Gentile Christian readers. It might be called "The Epistle To The Gentiles by the Apostle to the Gentiles." He always regarded himself as the apostle to the Gentiles, and the Lord so appointed him. In chapter 1, vs. 8, he says, "Unto me . . . was this grace given to preach unto the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ." And in another place he said his ministry was to the uncircumcision as Peter's was to the circumcision.

But that this specific epistle was intended specially for Gentiles is seen by a thoughtful reading of the letter all the way through. Notice 2:11 for instance: "Remember, that once ye, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called Circumcision in the flesh made by hands," etc. Again 3:1, "For this cause, I Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus in behalf of you Gentiles". See also 3:17, "That ye no longer walk as the Gentiles also walk."

The significance and importance of this will appear we hope in the next article on this epistle, in which the Gentiles' access to God, and their brotherhood with the Jews will be taken up.

Dr. F. W. Padelford says that while Christian colleges have less than half as many students as the state and municipal schools, they have four times as many prominent men among the alumni. That is a ratio of eight to one.

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND PHILIP

You will recall that Philip was one of the seven members of the church in Jerusalem who were chosen to "minister to tables," that the apostles might be able to give themselves wholly to the "ministry of the word and prayer." You will recall also that these seven men were chosen to this task because they were "full of the Holy Spirit." They were not chosen for this service with the hope that this might lead them to become interested in the Lord's work, but because they were already deeply interested in it, and their interest was seeking the best avenue of expression. The church folks recognized this and selected men for the task who were already proved to be effective in service.

There are good deacons and better deacons. Two of the members selected in Jerusalem stood out among all the rest as faithful stewards. Paul tells us in one of his letters that a deacon who performs his tasks well gets for himself a good degree and great boldness in the faith. That is he advances in knowledge, grows in favor and becomes more and more efficient in service.

Philip evidently did not quench the Spirit, but did what Paul told Timothy to do, "Stir up the gift of God, which is in thee through the laying on of my hands." This gift is the Holy Spirit which accompanied the laying on of hands. This word "stir up" means renewing, reawakening, making to glow again the life giving fire of the Spirit of God. It is well to remember that a believer can do this or he can neglect it and let the fire die down. Paul had said to Timothy in his first letter to him, "Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery."

It is evident that Philip had obeyed these admonitions and had made progress in the faith and had attained to a good degree. For we find him among the first and the busiest of those who carried the gospel to Samaria. Here he was blessed of God: "Multitudes gave heed with one accord to the things which were spoken by Philip, when they heard and saw the signs which he did." "And there was much joy in that city."

We follow Philip now as an angel of the Lord directs him to go down to the Jerusalem-Gaza road. He obeyed unhesitatingly. There he sees a man traveling in a chariot. You know the man and the story, not repeated here. Then "the Spirit of the Lord said unto Philip, Go near and join thyself to the chariot." "And Philip ran to him." Notice the Spirit speaks to those who are already obedient to God's command. The word hear and obey in Greek have the same root. Those who are obedient can hear the voice of the Spirit.

Notice that the Spirit speaks to and works with those who are ready to do the will of God in speaking to lost men. The Spirit cooperates in every evangelistic or soul saving effort. The thing He is interested in is the man who is lost. Jesus died to save sinners, and the Holy Spirit works with sinners and with those who work with sinners to see that the coming and death of Jesus are not in vain.

And the Spirit of God caught away Philip, and "the Eunuch saw him no more." He shifts the worker to another task. He supervises the workers and the work. It is well to ask the Spirit to take charge of the work, and it is necessary for us to follow His leadership if we are to do the work.

RADICALS

That word to many in our generation has an unpleasant sound and evil associations. We think of radicals as people who are tearing down and destroying what we hold of value. In other words to many they are apostles of destruction and minions of the devil. And they may be.

Again they may not be. If destruction is the only idea and purpose in mind then they are sons of Apollyon, Destroyer. But, on the other hand if there are things which ought to be destroyed, they may be angels of God. And there are some things which ought to be destroyed. There is much destructive work recorded and commended

in the Bible. If you read the eighteenth and nineteenth chapter of Revelation you will find an oratorio of deliverance over the destruction of the forces of evil. And in the fourteenth chapter, an angel sounds the note of victory saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, that hath made all nations to drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication!"

Again in Ezekiel 21:27 "I will overturn, overturn, overturn it: and it shall be no more, until he shall come whose right it is." The work of construction often waits upon the work of destruction. Jesus said, "Every plant which my heavenly Father planted not, shall be rooted up. There's your 'radical,' for radical comes from the word root, and a radical is one who roots up something, tears it up by the roots. If you read the Greek New Testament and will turn to Matt. 15:13, you will find the word (one word) translated 'shall be rooted up,' you will see that the word itself sounds like tearing things up by the roots. You will see in Matthew 3:10 that John the Baptist said, 'The axe lieth at the root of the trees.' The religion of Jesus goes down to the roots. It is essentially radical . . . A radical is a man who desires a complete change, a departure from the old order, and setting up a new order. His methods also may seem violent and subversive. The people of Philippi said of Paul and Silas that they were men who had 'turned the world upside down.' Where the gospel goes some radical changes are necessary. They are sure to happen.

The world is undergoing violent changes today. We seem to be in an era of destruction. People are fearing for civilization, and well they may, but a civilization which is not founded on the word of God, or that stands in the way of the coming of the kingdom of God, or does not seek to bring in the kingdom of God is doomed to go. And let not Americans think that their isolation from the rest of the world, or their love of freedom shall make them immune to what is happening in other lands. Our very blessings, the very favor of God which has been upon us, if abused so as to turn men away from God, or if not used in the service of God, will be our condemnation. There was a man who planted a vineyard and let it out to husbandmen—you know the rest.

FINAL WORD ON THE S. B. C. RESOLUTION

Dr. E. H. Henderson writes to the editor as follows:

"In your issue of February 29, page 11, you do me an injustice by charging me with making an untrue statement, and I know you will wish to undo this injustice; hence this note.

I stated that the papers reported 'the active pushing of this resolution by notorious anti-Roosevelt Congressmen,' and I went on to suggest that the well-intentioned messengers of the Convention might 'be found in the embarrassing position of serving as catspaws for anti-Roosevelt politicians.' You say that my statement is 'absolutely gratuitous and untrue' and that no Congressmen were at the Convention. No Congressmen were officially present at the Convention, but the original 'Pronouncement' was signed by two of the most notorious foes of Roosevelt in the South: Senators George of Georgia and Bailey of North Carolina, and out of this original draft came the final draft of the Pronouncement after discussion on the floor of the Convention and rewriting in the Committee. Surely it would appear that the whole move was engineered by persons whose motives were not unmixed, and surely you must know that politicians frequently stay in the background and use for their own purposes good-intentioned and uninformed persons, as well as their own sympathizers.

If you say that these two Senators had nothing to do with the resolution, then you overlook the fact that they signed the original form of it and announced themselves over the Associated Press as having done so. Not only did they sign it. Later, when they were themselves criticized, Senator Bailey explained that the resolution did not mean to attack President Roosevelt, and in the Congressional Record of May 25, last, Sena-

tor Logan explained that it did not hit at the Catholics. Thus they both signed the original resolution and later explained that they meant no harm in doing so."

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Editor's reply:

We meant then and mean now no possible discourtesy to Dr. Henderson. We have never doubted that he believed what he said to be true. We do not question his sincerity. But we still say it is not true. And here is our reason for it. The paper which was presented originally to the Convention was signed by two congressmen. They were part of the committee appointed by the Convention, a large committee. These men did not volunteer to serve on the committee. They were asked by the Convention to do so. They were not present at the Convention and of course took no part in the discussion, and had nothing to do with securing the passage of the paper which was finally adopted.

The paper prepared by the original committee was evidently unsatisfactory to the Convention. It was presented by the chairman, Dr. R. W. Weaver who probably wrote it as chairmen usually do. When it was read, it was not discussed, but a motion was made to refer it to a committee of which Dr. W. O. Carver was chairman. Some of the members of the old committee were on the new committee. The Congressmen were not, and had nothing to do with the preparation of the report which was adopted. This new report was different in many ways from the old one, and was adopted unanimously. Certainly politics and politicians had nothing to do with it.

We have no doubt that three fourths, probably a much larger percentage of the messengers were Democrats, but politics had nothing to do with it. We are sorry that Dr. Henderson introduced it in this discussion.

There seem to be personalities in N. Carolina with whom Dr. Henderson is not in agreement. We have nothing to do with that matter. We are in The Baptist Record discussing principles and not politics and personalities.

It would certainly be a departure from all precedent for the Southern Baptist Convention to appoint men on a committee because of party affiliation, or to refuse to do so because of party affiliation.

Thus endeth the last chapter.

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The loyalty crusade at Parkway Church, Jackson, reached a high spiritual tide Sunday, March 3. The house was overflowing at both preaching services. There were nine additions to the church, and the largest offering in the history of the congregation. Devout souls climaxed a great day by wrestling with God in prayer until midnight. God is doing great things for us.—Pastor W. A. Bell.

With apologies to Ripley: At Benton Baptist Church there is a "Believe It Or Not" story. Mr. C. C. Jackson, his sons Clarence and William, frequently walk to church and back on Sunday nights. It is a distance of five miles, making a ten mile walk for them. If this can be duplicated in Mississippi or elsewhere I would like to hear from you. Nothing short of a genuine case of religion would cause a "church walk" like this. I am happy to be the pastor of such Christians.—A. A. Kitchings.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention reports receipts from all the states for Southwide objects during the month of February total \$140,344.60. For January and February the receipts were \$437,112.05, which is \$16,000 more than the same time last year. Of the amount received in February \$68,123.41 came through the Cooperative Program, \$61,862.47 through designated gifts, and \$10,358.72 came through the Hundred Thousand Club. Mississippi sent in for all southwide objects in February \$10,981.64 of which \$2,835.81 was through the Cooperative Program, \$7,530.98 designated, and \$614.85 through the Hundred Thousand Club. The large proportion through designated gifts was due to the Lottie Moon offering of the W. M. U. Only three states were ahead of Mississippi.

S. S. AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE, MARCH 10

Jackson, First Church	1085	274
Jackson, Calvary Church	1017	158
Jackson, Davis Church	245	132
Jackson, Griffith Church	728	354
Jackson, Northside Church	135	49
Jackson, Southside Church	80	73
Jackson, Van Winkle Church	122	63
Flora Church	103	25
Clinton Church	407	
Hattiesburg, 38th Ave.	117	
Pascagoula Church	291	95
Crystal Springs Church	355	128
Meridian, First Church	579	
Meridian, 15th Ave.	315	
Meridian, Southside	250	
Meridian, 8th Ave.	230	
Meridian, Highland	226	
Meridian, 41st Ave.	248	
Meridian, Poplar Springs	121	
Meridian, Oak Grove	109	
Brookhaven Church	574	135
State Line Church	91	54
West Laurel Church	530	271
Hattiesburg, Immanuel	155	96
Clarksdale Church	506	164
Vicksburg, First Church	505	190
Fellowship-Lorman	23	32
Newton Church	236	95
Pace Church	101	61
Eden Church		24
Bethlehem, Jones County	62	

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In view of the confusion that has arisen over the collaboration of the chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Committee on Public Relations with the Federal Council, without authority from the body that appointed him, The Word and Way, Baptist paper of Missouri asks, "Is it not time we discontinue the Committee on Public Relations of the Southern Baptist Convention in Washington?" We feel that Dr. Weaver has made a mistake in this matter. We hope it may not be repeated. The first move of the committee in protesting to President Roosevelt against the appointment of a representative to the Pope was proper and timely. But somehow it seems to us the committee was fugabooed into a retreat.

On Tuesday morning of this week the news from Europe is anything but assuring. Efforts have been made for peace between Russia and Finland. The Finnish representatives went to Moscow for conference. They have returned to Finland apparently with some sort of proposed terms which at this time are not known. If this effort fails, there is danger of all North Europe being involved in the war, and Southeast Europe in more imminent danger than before. If the peace terms are acceptable then it would seem that the war is on with more fury between Germany and the Allies with Russia aiding Germany. May the God of peace bruise Satan under his feet shortly, Ro. 16:20.

The Zondervan Publishing House of Grand Rapids, Michigan, seems to pour out from its presses a stream of Evangelical books. We have just received from this company the following valuable volumes: "Proximities of Calvary," a series of eight sermons by Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor of Bellvue Baptist Church in Memphis, price \$1. (2) "Did Jesus Rise From The Dead?" closely related sermons, nine in number, by Alexander Thompson, pastor Mt. Pleasant Road Baptist Church, Toronto, Canada, price \$1.00. (3) "God's Answer To Man's Sin," a book of nine sermons by Hyman J. Appelman, whom many of our people heard with great profit recently at our State Evangelistic Conference. He is one of the greatest evangelists in America today. Price of book, \$1.00. (4) "The Lamp of Prophecy," which deals with the end of the age. By H. A. Ironside; 13 chapters; price \$1.00. (5) "The Gist of the Bible," a brief summary of each book in the Bible, by Alvin E. Bell, pastor Glenwood Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio; price \$1.00. (6) "Grace Greater Than Sin," a book of ten sermons by J. A. Gann, pastor West End Methodist Church, Birmingham, Ala.; price \$1.00.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b ("Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe.")

Branch Church, Scott County

Dr. A. A. Kitchings is the pastor at Branch, preaching twice a month at 10 a. m. As they already have the EVERY FAMILY plan (Dr. Kitchings always sees to that matter) we were asked to speak about the Cooperative Program. Previously the pastor had notified the members that an offering for the Cooperative Program would be taken at the close of the service. It amounted to \$12.00 which was more than the minutes show for the Cooperative Program for all of the last associational year. Scott County's subscribers are listed as follows: LAKE 24, PEA RIDGE 29, Harpersville 9, Morton 5, SPRINGFIELD 28, Ludlow 3, Hillsboro 2, Homewood 1, Pulaski 1, FOREST 125, R. F. D. Forest 3, BRANCH 35.

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Leesburg, Rankin County

Leesburg is the center of a large population of Baptists and Baptist prospects. Dr. Kitchings is also half time pastor at Leesburg and they have the EVERY FAMILY plan. By invitation we talked about our missionary program and the offering which the pastor had previously announced amounted to \$13.86, almost as much as was given during all the last associational year. As dinner guests in the home of brother and sister Walsh, we ate as hard as we had tried to preach.

Rankin County's subscribers are listed as follows: RICHLAND 42, ANTIOCH 21, CLEAR BRANCH 21, Clear Creek 8, Mountain Creek 8, Puckett 1, Star 2, BAREFOOT 18, Johns 1, CONCORD 45, PEARSON 10, PELAHATCHIE 64, STEEN'S CREEK 70, WHITFIELD 4, BRIAR HILL 34, Goshen Springs 3, Sand Hill 1, OAK DALE 12, Brandon 6, R.F.D. Brandon 1, CATO 47, LEESBURG 77.

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Pine Grove, Jones County

Pine Grove church in Jones County has the reputation of being one of the most spiritual churches in the county. It is a typical agricultural community with a cultured and progressive constituency. They have one of the best organized Sunday schools and Training Unions in the rural district of Jones County. Henry Walters is Sunday school superintendent; Mrs. A. C. Jordan is B. T. U. director; Mrs. Lillie Folks is W. M. U. president. A good crowd came out on a Friday night to hear us explain the EVERY FAMILY plan and several expressed their approval of it. Pastor B. S. Hilbun is an enthusiastic backer of the EF plan and said start it as he was certain the church would adopt it at the next business meeting.

Jones County's subscribers are listed as follows: ELLISVILLE 101, Calvary 1, SOUTH LAUREL 12, PINE GROVE 36, FIRST LAUREL 374, Second Avenue 2, WEST LAUREL 160, SHELTON 10, SANDERSVILLE 27, SUMMERLAND 60, Ovett 1, Mt. Oral 61, SHARON 14, MOZELLE 26, Eastabutchie 1.

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It is said that in Rumania not only freedom of worship has been given to Baptist churches, but Baptists are now permitted to teach in state schools.

Mrs. Lee Merrill, treasurer of First Church New Albany tells us that in spite of very unfavorable weather, all obligations of the church have been met so far this year. The church is in the midst of the loyalty campaign, and attendance at all services has been increased. Pastor Kirkland is preaching wonderful sermons, in the mornings using the text, "On this rock I will build my church."

CHRISTIANITY'S MAJOR TASK

(A Sermon Outline . . . bones, with a little meat)

F. V. McFatridge

The recent Evangelistic Conference in Clinton stirred all our hearts, and challenged us to major upon the primary and supreme task of the church. If we have been in the danger of majoring upon minors, that danger is passed with the rising tide of evangelistic fervor, the deepening sense of evangelistic responsibility. That is as far as the preachers are concerned who attended this conference. But it is necessary that we carry the spirit of such conferences to our people, and impart to them the spirit of evangelism. So many scriptures press themselves upon our hearts that it is difficult to select a text. It is the practice of the writer, when preaching upon this theme to read a number of short passages from the words of Jesus and Paul, and preach upon the theme announced above.

I. The Primacy of Evangelism:

1. In the Heart of God. "God so loved that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him might not perish, but might have everlasting life." When God wanted to make a world, He spake it into being. When physical darkness covered creation God said: "Light be; light was" (Literal translation). But for the salvation of a race He robbed Heaven, debased His Son by making Him incarnate, to suffer and die. Evangelism was born in the heart of God before man sinned.

2. In the Mind of Jesus. "The Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost," said Jesus. For that purpose He emptied Himself; to that end He suffered, that He might become the perfect Savior; to provide a perfect salvation, He died, was buried, and rose again. The seeking note runs through all His teaching, and His active ministry was a quest for souls. In Gethsemane, as He prayed in anguish: "Father, deliver me from this hour," He quickly adds: "But for this cause came I to this hour." For what cause? That you and I might be delivered from the power and penalty of sin. In the High-Priestly prayer in Jno. 17, He is mainly concerned with the mission of His disciples which He is sending into the world upon the same mission as His Father sent Him. In the great Commission the imperative is "make disciples."

3. In the Work of the Early Disciples. Peter was a flaming evangel from Pentecost onward. In the fourth chapter of Acts he offers salvation upon the terms of the gospel to the murderers of Jesus. Later he goes into the home of the Gentile, Cornelius, to preach unto him Jesus. Paul says "I am become all things to all men if by all means I might win some." When he stood before a king to plead for his life, he forgot himself and pleaded for the king's conversion. We comprehend the depth of his passion only when we hear him say that he could wish himself accursed from God, if that would bring his kinsmen in the flesh to salvation.

4. Great Christian Leaders of every age in the history of Christianity were flaming evangelists.

II. Danger of Neglecting This Task.

1. The denomination that loses its evangelistic zeal is doomed. Its services become formal and lifeless, its doctrines as dry as dust. With denominations it is "evangelize or fossilize." History is replete with examples of this truth. Closest home is the example of "Primitive" Baptists.

2. The local church that forgets its "first love" may as well have "Iahbod" written over its door, for its glory is departed, its candlestick will soon be removed, and its attraction has faded. Its stained windows shine upon empty pews, and the hurrying crowds pass it by, except for rare special occasions or funerals.

3. The preacher who loses his passion for souls will perish of dry rot. His sermons will become querulous questionings rather than triumphant declarations, or glittering platitudes, as meaningless as tinkling cymbals, and will seem dry and uninteresting even to himself.

4. The individual Christian that is not burdened for souls, who forgets that he is a witness to the saving power of Christ, becomes spirit-

ually anemic, finds no joy in religion, and stands upon dangerous ground spiritually and morally.

III. The Challenge of the Evangelistic Task.

1. The Challenge of the Expectant Christ "But this man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God, from henceforth expecting till His enemies be made His footstool." (Heb. 10:12-13). What a sacrifice He made! Tremendous expectation! Into the hands of His redeemed He has placed the work of His Kingdom on earth. What a challenge! The saddest song in our hymnals is "Almost Persuaded, now to believe." Next to that is the song:

"Must I go, and empty handed
Thus my dear Redeemer meet;
Not one soul with which to greet Him,
Lay no trophy at His feet?"

2. The Challenge of a Lost World. Our religion is measured by our re-action to the multitude. Whenever the multitude came together, Jesus was moved with compassion toward them. In that lost multitude we see: (1) Some who never had much of a chance. Their environment from earliest years has been wrong. The examples they have seen, the language they have heard, the philosophies to which they listened tended to sin and unbelief. (2) Some who had the right sort of teaching and example, who have drifted away, or fallen by the wayside, or fell a victim to some strong and sudden temptation. These are those "who started right, but only lost the way."

(3) The third group are inexcusable, so far as our human wisdom can discern. They seem deliberately to have chosen the path of disobedience, the seats of the scorners. But all are lost, without hope and without God. Jesus died for all. "He is able to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by Him." We are His witnesses. The lost multitude is our responsibility, and our challenge.

3. The Challenge of the Active Enemy. Paul writes of the great and effectual open door and the many adversaries as constituting a twin challenge (1) Audacious sin. Never was sin bolder, or more defiant of criticism. Son of every sort, drunkenness, sexual immorality, sin in high places and low, justifying and defending itself, until it is becoming more dangerous to speak out against any form of sin. (2) Sneering criticism of the church, of preachers, of religion. From many sources come the attacks, sometimes subtle, often outright, calling faith the superstition of darkened minds, and skepticism a mark of advanced intellect. "Bigotry and intolerance" are loosely charged against any stand upon principle. (3) Worse than the attacks from the outside is the paralyzing indifference professed Christians, who put business, pleasure, social preferment, personal ease above Christ and before the Cross.

4. The Challenge of the Spirit. Isaiah says: "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, then the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a banner against him." It is not time to retreat; not time to be at ease in our tents. We need the purging power of a mighty task. We must take the offensive, rally the Christian forces to the colors. History is replete with examples of the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. For illustration: Martin Luther, and the Reformation in Europe. The Wesleyan revival in England. The modern missionary movement under William Carey. "Give us a watchword for the hour,
A thrilling word, a word of power;
A battle cry, a thrilling breath
That calls to conquest, or to death!
A word to rouse the Christians from their rest,
To heed the Master's high behest.
That cry is given, ye saints arise,
Our watchword is Evangelize!

The glad evangel now proclaim
Through all the earth, in Jesus' name;
This word is ringing through the skies,
Evangelize! Evangelize!
To dying men, a fallen race,
Make known this gift of gospel grace;
The world, that now in darkness lies,
Evangelize! Evangelize!
Forest, Miss.

Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

"Keeping On the Main Line"

Jesus knew how difficult it was going to be for the average pastor to keep on the main line in his ministry. We think he had reference to this when he warned those whom he taught about stopping to salute people by the way.

We have known many pastors who worked themselves to death on side-track items of Christian service and were forever being detoured on to by-paths apart from the main thoroughfare of their service to Christ. In fact, the most of the time we have to fight rather regularly to get a chance to do our real work. Not a few preachers never get started on their sermon until Saturday. No wonder the pulpit is not the throne it could be for many. Many of us do not get an opportunity to talk to people about Christ nor time to press the great needs of the Kingdom because we are busy looking for lost umbrellas that members have carelessly left in the church or chasing around doing other things as inconsequential. The New Testament makes it very plain that the pastor first of all should be a man of prayer, wedded in his heart to the mastery of Christ in his life, a student who seeks to know the mind of Christ and from experience the grace of God and should give himself primarily to the work of winning men to Christ and bringing them up in the faith.

We would have very different churches if our people, laymen and women, would quit asking the pastor to do a thousand things that are of little consequence and give him a chance to stay on the main line and would insist that he do so.

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TAX MONEY FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The following editorial in The Courier Journal of Louisville, Ky., was sent to us by Mr. Luther A. Smith a lawyer and Methodist layman of Hattiesburg.

February 22, 1940

The Kentucky Senate has received, and Lieut. Governor Rhodes K. Meyers has indorsed publicly, a bill to provide free bus transportation for pupils of parochial and other private schools. The State has thousands of such children and thus is raised a touchy problem.

A great many Roman Catholics live in Kentucky. They—or many or them—conceive it to be a duty to educate their children under the watchful eye of Mother Church. And that, certainly, is their right.

But—and here is the vital point—when Catholics elect to patronize parochial instead of public schools, they do so of their own free will. A public education is available to Catholic and Protestant alike, and each is taxed alike to support public education.

There is a grave question as to whether any private school—whose patrons have voluntarily passed up public schools—has a right to expect from the State any support whatever. Under our Constitution, indeed, the State may give no support whatever.

This "pupil transportation" bill is dangerous, quite apart from the fact that thousands of dollars, which the State can ill afford, would be diverted from public education purposes to provide free buses for private schools.

It is based upon a tricky legal thesis that the money would be spent for child safety—for the individual child and not the school. We do not know if the courts would sustain this thesis, but we do know that it has been sustained elsewhere. And numerous costly evils have followed in its wake.

It is only a short step—once free transportation is provided for parochial schools—to say that they ought also to receive free textbooks. The pretext would be identical—the child would be helped; not the school.

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Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b

Worship * Serve * Give

"And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Acts 5:42.

Win Someone to Him!

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Mississippi Baptist Churches went forward last year in participation in Bible Missions. Nevertheless, in 1939 there were 394 Mississippi Baptist churches giving nothing to causes of Christ beyond the local church, according to records. This we regret. We rejoice in the 1158 that endeavored in some manner and degree to obey the Lord Jesus Christ.

Some interested pastor and layman in each association, we believe, could induce every church in the association to take a Spring and Fall offering for Missions in obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Try it!

There were 615 churches giving nothing to the Cooperative Program—the program that undergirds our whole world-wide program of Mississippi and Southern Baptists. Again, we believe an interested pastor and layman in each association could help in largely changing this picture. Give the people the truth, the information and real lovers of the Lord will follow. That is history!

II

We would help the pastors and the churches. In some places they are having a hard time. Some are discouraged. Some feel almost defeated. Some find their work, the work of our Lord as represented through Southern and Mississippi Baptists attacked at vital points. It has been a joy to us to pitch in and try to help these pastors and churches in the face of such things.

Our Lord took some blows for us! Surely we may take some for Him!

III

Some Scriptures come to mind:

Matt. 5:9-12 "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

Matt. 5:38-48.

Acts 21:13—"Than Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

Acts 20:20-27.

I Corinthians 11:16-33.

I Corinthians 12:10, "To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues."

Matt. 10 (Read all the chapter).

Matt. 19:27-30, "Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?

And Jesus said unto them, verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or fathers, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first."

Luke 9:22-26, 57-62.

Luke 14:25-35.

Isaiah 53 (Read all chapter).

John 19 (Read all chapter).

As we have more of this spirit we will be able to direct more people to Christ!

IV

We believe the Bible has a word for every way of life that is right. We have walked the way of Christian fellowship set forth in Matt. 18:15-20. It brought joy and strength. We are firmly resolved to hate no man.

The other day a good friend said, "I saw you talking to Brother". He referred to a man who attacked the very foundation of our work. The work of the Lord we love, live for and fight for. We replied, happily, "Yes, you did. No personal feeling is involved whatever. We have walked across the street to speak, to prove to him, self and the Lord that no personal feeling is involved."

We are not one of those who stand by unmoved when a lady is insulted.

We are not one of those who look unfeelingly on when a child is mistreated. We would not even care to see a bully topple his playhouse.

We are not one of those who claim to love the Lord and His work and at the same time sit idly by giggling while that work is stabbed to the heart.

Our blessed Lord and His work are worth living for, loving, dying for. If we didn't believe that we might join others in spitting at it all.

V

Look at love in action! In action against hypocrisy—Matt., chapter 23. We have just read these words that bite and burn—hypocrisy, like a volcano. These words do not hurt the baby in mother's arms. These words do not blister God's man bearing the fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.

They were spoken about hounds of hate. They refer to carping critics. These words strike out against those who say "Loyalty" when referring to great causes while stabbing to the heart the causes themselves.

God's word does not mince matters when referring to some things, "their throat is an open sepulchre, with their tongues they have used deceit, the poison of asps is under their tongues." Rom. 3:13.

VI

Love does not have to try to hate hypocrisy, it inherently hates it! If 200,000 Mississippi Baptists would join your Secretary in reading Matt. 23, and then pray about it, sincerity would grow in our midst.

It is always open season for privates to stop shooting generals and for generals to stop betraying great causes.

Jesus is placing large emphasis upon our words, "I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." The entire context (Matt. 12:23-50) has to do with carping, criticising hypocrites.

VII

We have found real joy in highway evangelism. "They went out into the highways" Matt. 22:1-14. "In the highways, In the hedges, In the highways, In the hedges, In the highways, In the hedges, I'll be somewhere working for my Lord."

Present plans will not allow us to settle down and lay siege to many hearts as formerly. We seem to hardly see our family, much less our neighbors.

We see many people on the highways. We do not pick all of them up, but we do pick up a good many. We seldom let one out without finding out if he is a Christian. We take attractive gospels of John along in the car and after conversation, leave it to do its work.

The other day we picked up a 15 year old chap who went to a fine Jackson church. He was not a Christian. We had a few pleasant words about the matter. Later his name was passed to the

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TAX MONEY FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS—

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Once the principle is recognized, what is to prevent parochial children from sharing in the common school per capita? Wouldn't that be just as logical?

It is not a good argument to say that Catholics are entitled to special consideration because they pay common school taxes, plus tuition to parochial schools. Our common schools are maintained for society as a whole; and society as a whole pays for them. Thousands upon thousands of people—bachelors, unmarried women, childless couples—also pay common school taxes, without receiving the slightest direct return. Yet no one would argue, surely, that they should receive some sort of rebate—because of non-use.

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There are said to be fifteen candidates for governor in North Carolina. Plow fourteen of them under.

The editor of Charity and Children suggests that the whole population of Finland be moved to Alaska, and that we give to Russia all the people in America who prefer the Soviet system.

Dr. H. L. Martin of Senatobia has accepted an invitation from President L. T. Lowrey to deliver a series of three chapel addresses at Blue Mountain College next week. He will also speak to the Faculty Club on Monday evening and at the mid-week service of Lowrey Memorial Church Wednesday evening.

In the sudden death on March 7 of brother C. O. Cook of Hernando, northwest Mississippi has lost one of its best-loved leaders. Wise yet progressive, an able preacher and a faithful pastor and community worker, he did a magnificent work at Hernando and throughout this section. He was moderator of DeSoto County Association and served on the program committee for the last State Convention. He will be greatly missed among us.—H. L. Martin, Senatobia.

proper church worker. We wrote him a letter and hope he will call us or come to see us telling of the decision made.

Going to the revival service in our church what was easier than to pick up a chap and speak to him about his soul. Like many others he was "trying to be." On further questioning he felt sure of his faith in and love for Jesus.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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W.M.U. CONVENTION, APRIL 2-4

Article V.—Representation

The annual Convention of the B.W.M.U. shall be composed of the officers of the Union, the members of the Executive Board, Associational Superintendents, Young People's Leaders, the President of each W.M.S., and three additional representatives from each society and one representative from each Y.W.A. and Leaders of G.A., R.A., and Sunbeam Bands.

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Please see that your W. M. U. is represented at our W.M.U. Convention April 2-4. If you want to be entertained on the Harvard Plan—bed and breakfast—send name to the chairman of the Homes Committee,

Mrs. D. Holland,
 2245 Robinson Street,
 Jackson, Miss.

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Last year 278 W.M.S. reported every quarter:

District 1 had 45
 District 2 had 40
 District 3 had 25
 District 4 had 26
 District 5 had 31
 District 6 had 45
 District 7 had 30
 District 8 had 36

What a joy it would be to have a report each quarter from every organization! A great number reported 3 of the 4 quarters.

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The following societies succeeded in getting a contribution for Missions from every resident woman member of the church. We congratulate them on this accomplishment.

Berwick, Bethel, Calvary (Winston County), Crosby, Fernwood, Ford's Creek (Pearl River Co.), Harmony (Clarke Co.), Harrisburg (Lee Co.), Indianola, Lumberton, Mantee, New Hope (Franklin Co.), Pope, Progress (Walthall Co.), Rose-dale, Salem (Oktibbeha Co.), Shubuta, Sylvarena, Tabernacle (Greenville), Williamsville (Kosciusko Asso.), Woodville, Zion Hill (Lebanon Asso.), Pocahontas.

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The task of being Counselor for one of the Missionary organizations for our young people is one that requires the best in preparation of heart, mind and soul. The following list of available materials should find their way to you. Study the list of materials for your particular organization and avail yourself of them.

...To help you as **Young Woman's Auxiliary Counselor** the following materials are available:

From the State W.M.U. Office, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. (free material).

The Y.W.A. Manual: W.M.U. Year Book.

Personal service, Mission study and stewardship leaflets.

Y.W.A. Tithers' Pledge Cards, Tithers Boxes.

Y.W.A. Initiation Service.

From W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.:

"The Window of Y.W.A."—\$1.00 per year.

Standard of Excellence Chart, 10c for paper, 25c cardboard.

Plays and pageants (see list in back of Year Book).

From the Baptist Book Store, Jackson:

Mission Study Books.

"Telling you How"—35c (especially helpful).

Urge your young women to have:

The Y.W.A. Manual—10c from State W. M. U. Dept. "The Window of Y.W.A."—\$1.00 per year, 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham (indispensable).

You will find it helpful to:

Keep a file of your magazines

Keep a Leader's Plan Book

Make a collection of pictures, songs, clippings, etc.

Take the Leadership Correspondence Course (see W.M.U. Year Book for details).

Encourage missionary reading on the part of your young women—The Window, The Commission, Southern Baptist Home Missions, Mission books, etc.

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Girls' Auxiliary Counselor

To help you the following materials are available:

From W.M.U. Dept., Box 530, Jackson:

G.A. Manual (be sure to state whether for Junior or Intermediate G.A.'s).

W.M.U. Year Book: Forward Steps

Personal Service, mission study and stewardship education leaflets

G.A. Tithers' Pledge Cards, Tithers' Boxes

From W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.:

"World Comrades" \$1.00 per year (magazine for all leaders as well as for girls).

Guide for Counselors for Girls' Auxiliary (most helpful for leaders, 25c).

Standard of Excellence Chart—10c paper, 25c cardboard.

Plays and pageants (see list in back of W.M.U. Year Book).

G.A. Arm Bands and Emblems (for attainment in Forward Steps) arm bands 20c, emblem 10c each.

From the Baptist Book Store, Jackson:

Mission Study books—"Telling You How"—35c—many practical, helpful suggestions.

Urge each of your girls to have:

The Junior Manual or Intermediate G.A. Manual—10c per copy—from State W.M.U. Office. In ordering be sure to state whether Junior or Intermediate is desired. "World Comrades"—\$1.00 per year, 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

You will find it helpful to:

Keep a file of your "World Comrades"; Keep a Leader's Plan Book. Make a collection of pictures, songs, stories, clippings, etc. Take the Leadership Correspondence Course (see W.M.U. Year Book for details). Visit often in the homes of your members and of those girls whom you are seeking to enlist.

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To help you as **Royal Ambassador Counselor**, the following materials are available:

From W.M.U. Dept., Box 530, Jackson (free material):

R.A. Manual (be sure and state whether for Junior or Intermediate R.A.'s).

W.M.U. Year Book: R.A. Initiation Service.

Personal Service, Mission Study and Stewardship education leaflets. R.A. Tithers' Pledge Cards; Tithers' Boxes.

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From the Baptist Book Store, Jackson:

Mission Study Books.

"Telling You How"—35c—many practical, helpful suggestions.

Urge each of your boys to have:

The Junior R.A. or Intermediate Manual—10c per copy from State W.M.U. Office. In ordering be sure and state whether Junior or Intermediate.

"World Comrades"—\$1.00 per year, 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham.

You will find it helpful to:

Keep a file of your World Comrades and other Missionary Periodicals. Keep a Leaders' Plan Book. Make a collection of pictures, songs, stories, clippings, etc. Take the Leadership Correspondence Course (see W.M.U. Year Book for details). Visit often in the homes of your members and of those boys whom you are seeking to enlist.

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To help you as **Sunbeam Leader** the following materials are available:

From W.M.U. Dept., Box 530, Jackson, Miss. (free material):

The Sunbeam Manual, "How To Shine." W.M.U. Year Book. Personal service, mission study and stewardship leaflets. Sunbeam Tithers' Pledge Cards, Offering Boxes. "Brought One" cards, to be given to children who bring new members.

From W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham:

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From Baptist Book Store, Jackson:

Mission Study Books. "Telling You How"—35c (especially helpful for leaders).

Song Books listed on page 21 of Sunbeam Manual).

Urge the mothers of your children to have in the home: World Comrades—\$1.00 per year. "The best story book for children." Mission Study books—from Baptist Book Store.

You will find it helpful to:

Keep a file of your magazines. Keep a Leaders' Plan Book. Make a collection of pictures, songs, stories, clippings, etc. Take a Leadership Correspondence Course (see details in W.M.U. Year Book). Visit often in the homes of your children and of those you are seeking to enlist.

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W.M.U. of Short Creek Church

The ladies of Short Creek Church met at the home of Mrs. C. D. Lammons for the purpose of re-organizing the W. M. U. The following program was rendered.

Song: The Old Rugged Cross.

Prayer: Mrs. J. R. Norwood.

Election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Mrs. C. D. Lammons; Vice President, Mrs. Lee Lammons; Secretary, Mrs. John Wigley; Treasurer, Mrs. J. R. Norwood; Program Chairman, Mrs. Paul Warner; Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. Matt Jones; Stewardship Chairman, Miss Bertha Harris; Mission Study Teacher, Mrs. Henry Hester. The meeting adjourned with benediction by Mrs. John Wigley.

—J. T. Griffin, Reporter.

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THE CHURCH IN ACTION

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fine in showing us through three
girls' building, their own home and
two boys' buildings, then the fine
dining room and kitchen. We were
so impressed by the enthusiasm
shown by brother and Mrs. Mize.
We knew that they had been over
these buildings many times telling
the same things about them, but
they were just as interested as
though it were their first time. Then
how the boys and girls there show
their love and appreciation for our
two fine leaders. I was impressed
with the joy in the hearts of all the
children that we met. Some children
that had been there just a few days
seemed so happy and contented.

Each house mother is trying to make
a real home for her group of chil-
dren.

Of course there are needs, and
we saw more of them. The greatest
need seemed to me to be money to
finish their building program. I
wish every preacher in Mississippi
could go through our Orphanage,
then I am sure we would all try to
get our people to do more. From my
observation our money is being used
well and our children are being given
every consideration possible.

This has been written out of my
own heart, without anyone even sug-
gesting it. May God bless our chil-
dren and their mothers and fathers
that God has given them.

E. N. Patterson

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Rev. Chas. E. S. Ridgeway and
Miss Dorothy Mary Curry of Balti-
more were married Feb. 17. Mr.
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Sunday School Lesson

By L. Bracey Campbell

Lesson for March 17th
MOST FATEFUL DAY OF HISTORY
Matthew 27.

Introduction. Do you note the title at the head of this page? I have sat in my study and wondered if I have ever thought the same of any other of which I have ever read. The most fateful day that ever dawned since the Almighty brought the ark to rest on Ararat and bent above the lowering cloud the bow of His loving promise. This day is the Lamb of God led to the altar and the blood of the sacrifice for man's sin, made once for all, is offered within the veil of the real temple of the living God. How shall I tell the story of the exhibition of the wonderful grace of Him who finished here on this day the mightiest work that, so far as the record of His actions speaks, has ever engaged the might of God since the morning stars sang together and the sons of God shouted for joy at the birth of Creation? It is too high for me! I can but pass its events in rapid and very inadequate review and pray that all who may read these words or strive to teach the story which Matthew tells may feel somewhat of the solemnity of the events of this day, somewhat of the weight of these transactions in the scale of God's justice in the dreadful day of judgment.

The story really begins with Matt. 26:57. This day of darkness begins fittingly at night. Begin at the beginning and read right on through the remainder of chapter 26, and to the end of chapter 27. Now read Mark 15 for my sake and your own and above all, for His dear sake. I am taking time out from writing to do again what I have now asked you to do . . . I have now read again every word I have asked you to read. Have you? Thank you.

I. The Trials of Jesus.

1. Trial Before the Jewish Authorities.

(a) Trial Before Annas. (John 18:12-27).

Read this story. It is a tale of the perversion of justice. The trial before Annas was illegal because Annas had no authority to sit in judgment, he not being high priest. The whole proceeding was a farce. The Sanhedrin, the high court of the Jews no longer had authority to inflict the death penalty. This trial was at night, and even their own law forbade the trial of criminal causes at night. Again, it was against the Jewish law to try a criminal cause on the day before a feast or a Sabbath. The criminal jurisprudence of the ancient Jews, even as ours does, protected any man against being tried without a formal charge of wrongdoing having been preferred against him, and there was no charge against Jesus. His arrest was illegal for the same reason. He had been charged with nothing. Being unable to trick or to browbeat Jesus into incriminating Himself, Annas, the ex-high priest,

whose claim to authority on the night when Jesus was brought to him consisted in the fact that he was father-in-law to the high priest Caiaphas, sent Jesus now to his son-in-law, this Caiaphas, where the efforts of the Jewish authorities to hound Jesus to death were continued.

(b) Trial Before Caiaphas. (Matt. 26:57-75).

Caiaphas violated the plain letter of the law, which was in substance the same as ours now, that the accused in any criminal cause cannot be forced to incriminate himself. Caiaphas constituted his council into both grand and petit jury, as grand jury, the council attempted to find ground for an indictment of Jesus, and, to this end, examined many false witnesses. Two of these at last agreed that they had heard Jesus say what He had not said, that He was able to destroy the temple of Herod and rebuild it in three days. When Jesus had successfully resisted the efforts of Caiaphas to worry Him into making some incriminating statement, this hypocritical high priest crowned his career of infamy by asking Jesus a question which He would not "I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God." Illegal as this procedure upon the part of Caiaphas was, he had in this course brought Jesus face to face with a responsibility which He would not evade. Once for all they should hear the truth, a truth which they would not receive, but which He and His faithful ones had been proclaiming from the beginning of His ministry. This is the question of questions. The whole country was saying what Caiaphas asked Him to say. John the Baptist said it (John 1:34) Nathaniel had said it, when first he saw Jesus (John 1:49) the disciples had said, "Of a truth thou art the Son of God" (Matthew 14:33); Martha of Bethany had said it (John 11:27); even the demons had said it (Mark 3:11; 5:7); Jesus asked the man born blind, "Dost thou believe on the Son of God?" (John 9:35); and continually Christ spoke of Himself as being the Son of God. Read the fifth of John and pick out many instances. Now look at Jesus' answer to Caiaphas, and

then look at the form of the answer in Mark 14:63. Our Lord did not here stop with a simple assertion of God. Read chapter 5 of John and less men that He would come back one day in power to judge them who were now judging Him. They will now crucify the Messiah, but they will do it after He has told them plainly who He is, and in the judgment they will have no excuse that they were ignorant of the identity of their Messiah who Himself had plainly told them who He was.

The judgment of the Sanhedrin that Jesus ought to die was not right in the face of their own law which declared that no prisoner was to be put to death upon his own testimony. But they knew that any charge that He had claimed to be the Son of God would have no meaning in Roman law, and would get them nowhere with the Roman judge, Pontius Pilate. So they called a formal meeting of the Sanhedrin in order that they might give their indictment a form of which the Roman governor must take notice.

(c) Trial Before the Sanhedrin. (Mark 15:1; Luke 23:1, 2).

The Sanhedrin at this meeting indicted Jesus on three counts, for none of which was there any ground in fact. First, "He perverteth our nation . . . ; secondly, "He forbiddeth to pay taxes to Caesar"; thirdly, "He claimeth to be Christ, a King"; and, therefore, a rival of Caesar. (John 18:28-38). This passage con-

tains the charges in full, taken with the others.

2. Trials Before the Roman Authorities. (Matt. 27:11-31).

(a) First Trial Before Pilate. (Matthew 27:11-14).

Pilate was perhaps a few years younger than our Lord, a so-called "love-child," one born illegitimately, son of a Roman nobleman. Pilate seems to have been a clever man, possessed of considerable administrative ability. He had come into conflict with the Jews of Jerusalem on account, no doubt, of his carefulness in religion. He was a Roman religionist, regarding one god as being as good as another, and worshiping all of them impartially. It no doubt seemed to him an intolerable type of fanaticism that a bunch of men should worship only one God. He could see no rhyme or reason in people's objecting to his bringing images of the gods into Jerusalem. I make no doubt he thought of the Jews who raised a howl because Pilate attempted to bring images into the city as of men irreligious and atheistical. But the Jewish leaders—Pilate hated them as he hated the devil—had to bring Jesus to Pilate, because they could

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Sunday School Department

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20 Conferences

Beginning on Monday, April 1, and going through Friday, April 26, the workers in the Sunday school department will make 20 district conferences covering the entire state in the interest of the Sunday school and Vacation Bible school program. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, April 1, at Pelahatchie—Rankin, Scott, Smith, Leake counties.

Tuesday, April 2, Bay Springs—Jasper, Clarke, Jones, Wayne counties.

Wednesday, April 3, Richton—Perry, Greene, George counties.

Thursday, April 4, Kreole—Jackson, Harrison, Hancock counties.

Friday, April 5, Purvis—Pearl River, Stone, Forrest, Lamar, Marion counties.

Monday, April 8, Utica—Hinds, Warren, Copiah, Jefferson, Claiborne counties.

Tuesday, April 9, Place to be determined—Lincoln, Pike, Adams, Franklin, Wilkinson, Amite, Walthall counties.

Wednesday, April 10, Monticello—Lawrence, Simpson, Covington, Jeff Davis counties.

Thursday, April 11, Black Jack—Holmes, Yazoo, Madison counties.

Friday, April 12, Water Valley—Yalobusha, Coahoma, Grenada, Quitman, Tallahatchie counties.

Monday, April 15, Arcola—Humphreys, Washington, Sharkey, Issaquena counties.

Tuesday, April 16, Drew—Sunflower, Bolivar, Carroll, Leflore counties.

Wednesday, April 17, Coldwater—DeSoto, Panola, Tate, Tunica counties.

Thursday, April 18, Myrtle—Union, Marshall, Benton, Lafayette counties.

Friday, April 19, Mantee—Attala, Choctaw, Montgomery, Winston counties.

Monday, April 22, Oak Grove—Lauderdale, Kemper, Newton, Neshoba counties.

Tuesday, April 23, Noxapater—Clay, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Webster counties.

Wednesday, April 24, Place to be determined—Lee, Itawamba, Pontotoc, Monroe counties.

Thursday, April 25, West Corinth—Alcorn, Tishomingo, Prentiss, Tippah counties.

Friday, April 26, Macon—Noxubee, Lowndes, Oktibbeha counties.

Sunday school officers and teachers, please save the date of the conference NEAREST YOU and attend that one.

Intermediate Workers!

Things we'd like to see:

(1) Every Intermediate department and class organized and registered.

(2) Every Intermediate possibility reached.

(3) Increased effectiveness in Bible teaching.

(4) Every unsaved pupil won to Christ.

(5) Every Intermediate worker winning at least one Intermediate to Christ.

First Standard Class

The first Intermediate class to be recognized as standard in 1940 was the Visitors class, Mrs. C. H. Wood, teacher, of the First Baptist Church, Water Valley. Congratulations to Mrs. Wood and brother Howard.

PREACHER, LISTEN

I desire to request through your columns that your Baptist pastor readers send me their suggestions as to the program and speakers for our Pre-Convention Pastors' Convention to be held in Baltimore, June 11th and 12th.

It has been the policy of this conference from the beginning to confine itself to the life and work of Baptist ministers. Matters of convention policy and promotion which belong to the convention proper are not given a place on this program.

This present age demands so much of the minister that it is not difficult for them to find enough to discuss which relates definitely to their own work. Other groups of our Baptist fellowship—men, women, and young people—have strongly organized, largely financed and widely promoted and propagandized programs. This pastors' conference is the one period for the consideration of the pastors' problems.

We want the program to represent the desires, needs and thoughts of our brethren at large and not just that of one individual or small group.

M. E. Dodd, Chairman.

"GIVE YE THEM TO EAT"

The Y. W. A. of Mississippi Woman's College could have had no more fitting preparation for the March Week of Prayer than the recent study course. The study course was held in the living room of the Student Center with a former student secretary, Mrs. Kerney Travis, teaching the book, "Give Ye Them To Eat."

In her pleasing and charming manner, Mrs. Travis brought to each girl present a picture of our Southland as a world within itself, represented by peoples of all nations. She urged us as young people to help to satisfy the longing and hungering of the hearts of these people by giving to them the satisfying "bread" that our own hearts and lives know.

With such a challenge as this in the hearts and minds of the Y. W. A. members, the Week of Prayer for Home Missions will prove a blessing.

Cleo White, Reporter.

Rufus—It's queer the way a horse eats, isn't it?

Goofus—I don't know. How is it?

Rufus—He eats best without a bit in his mouth.

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BAPTISTS TO RALLY AT McCOMB

The Southwest Mississippi Intermediate Sunday School Rally will be held in McComb, at the First Baptist Church, March 17, at 2:30 p. m. This meeting will bring together the Baptist people of Wilkinson, Amite, Pike, Walthall, Marion, Adams, Franklin, Lincoln, Lawrence, Jeff Davis, Jefferson, and Copiah counties. Arrangements have been made by Rev. Wyatt Hunter, host pastor, and John A. Farmer, Mississippi Intermediate Leader, to welcome 500 Intermediate boys and girls, Sunday school workers, and pastors of this district.

An interesting and helpful program has been planned around the theme "Winning Intermediates." This vital phase of Sunday school work will be advanced in practical discussions and informational conferences.

Scotchie McCall, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, will be the feature speaker. Boys and girls are urged to attend and hear their friend champion their cause.

Every interested person is cordially invited to participate.

John A. Farmer.

IN MEMORIAM

On February the 2nd God called from our midst, Mrs. Jane Farmer, one of our most loyal and devoted members of the Woman's Missionary Society of Union Baptist church. She was faithful to her family and friends and devoted to her church.

Therefore: The members of this society express the loss of this faithful member. And may our loss be His gain.

We therefore express to the family and friends our heartfelt sympathy and may the Bible be the rule and guide of their faith.

Be it resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be placed in the records of the society, a copy be sent to the Baptist Record for publication, and one sent to the bereaved family.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Jim Spiers

Mrs. Mac Gill

Mrs. Felix Lee

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The master, to impress on his pupils the need of thinking before speaking, told them to count fifty before saying anything important, and one hundred if it was very important.

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The Children's Circle

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My dear children:

I have a verse for you to think about and carry in your heart this week. I hope that you will learn it and that we will make it our prayer as it was David's. "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer." Find it in your own Bible, Psalms 19:14, read it, and try to live it. Too often our words and our thoughts are not pleasing to Him, but with His help, we can make them so.

With love,
Mrs. Frances Steele

BIBLE STUDY

The Storm At Sea and Shipwreck
(Continued) Read Acts 27

When the fourteenth night had come, as the ship was driven by the wind, the sailors thought they were near some land, and after they had measured the depth of the water they found that it was so. Fearing that they might strike the rocks on the bottom of the sea, they dropped four anchors out of the ship to keep it from being driven any further, and wished that it was morning. The sailors, supposing that the ship would soon be broken to pieces, let down the little boat into the water, intending to escape in it and leave the others to be drowned. But Paul said to the centurion "Unless these sailors stay in the ship, you cannot be saved." Then the sailors cut the ropes that held the boat and let it fall off with no one in it.

Biloxi, Miss.,
March 2, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first letter to the Children's Circle. I enjoy reading the Baptist Record very much.

I am a girl thirteen years old. I am in the Intermediate class at Sunday school. I go every Sunday except when I'm sick. I belong to the First Baptist Church in Biloxi.

I am enclosing ten cents to be used anywhere it is needed.

I hope to see this letter in the Children's Circle.

With love,

Your new friend,
Vivian Barnette

144 Fayard St.

We are delighted to welcome you into the circle, Vivian, and we thank you for entering into the work of the circle by sending an offering.—F.L.S.

Oakland, Miss.,
March 2, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write you and the circle. I am seven years old and am in the second grade. My Sunday school teacher is Mrs. Lizzie Pittman and I like her very much. I am sending a dime for the orphanage. I have two brothers and one sister.

Your friend,

Lila Ann Adams Wallace.

Lila Ann, let us thank you for your gift to the orphanage. We are glad to have you in our circle. You can be quite a help to it—in fact you already are. Come again.—F. L. S.

West, Miss.,
March 2, 1940

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Spring days are here and school will soon be out and I will go fishing. There is a pond in the edge of our yard. The frogs sing for us every night.

I helped my mother and daddy plant the garden this morning. I set out the cabbage and onion plants and covered the seed.

I am sending ten cents to be used

where it is needed most.

Your friend,

Lemuel Hudgins

Lemuel, your letter really sounds like spring: school closing, fishing, frogs singing, garden planting, cabbage and onion plants, covering seeds! I saw some doves this morning, and I've heard they are a sign of spring. We appreciate your gift. How is Dorcas?—F.L.S.

Oakland, Miss.,
March 2, 1940

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Enclosed you will find \$1.00 to be used where it will do best. I had a birthday in February so am sending a few more pennies than years old so you can't guess my age.

I enjoy reading the letters in the good Baptist Record. You have done so much good since you began the children's page.

Your friend,

Lizzie Gooch Pittman.

We wouldn't be inquisitive about a person's age when she sends such a generous gift, Mrs. Pittman. Thank you very much. May you have many more happy birthdays.—F. L. S.

New Hebron, Miss.,
March 2, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am reading the Baptist Record every week and enjoy it very much. The best pages are the Sunday school lesson and Children's Circle. The letters are very sweet that the children write. This is my first time to write to you.

I am twelve years of age and in the fifth grade. My teacher is Miss Mary Mullens. I am going to New Hebron school. I have some nice friends. I like them all. We have lots of fun.

I go to church every first Sunday. Our pastor is Rev. B. E. Phillips from New Hebron, Miss. I hope my letter is not too long for you to put in the Baptist Record. I am sending six cents for the orphanage.

Sincerely yours,
Doris Nell Dixon.

Indeed your letter isn't too long, Doris Nell, and we hope you won't let this be your only time to write. Thank you very much for your gift.—F. L. S.

Ripley, Miss.,
March 3, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am a little girl about four and one half years old—too small to write much, but not too small to enjoy the Children's Circle in The Record. When my daddy brings the mail on Thursday my first request is to have the children's letters read to me. Once after my mother had finished reading to me I walked over to my daddy and said, "Daddy I want a dollar to send to Mrs. Steele"; so here it is and I know you will use it where it is needed most.

I have two little sisters, Lynda Florine, a little over two years of age, and Dottie Tate, a little over two weeks. We go with daddy every time we can when he goes to preach. Mother says it's a big job sometimes but we enjoy it.

With love to the center and the entire circumference of the circle, I am

Your little friend,

Katherine Darleen Renick

Such a fine letter from a dear little girl! How full of responsibility (ask mother what that long word means) you must feel to be the oldest daughter in the family. Thank you very much for asking Daddy for that dollar. We'll send half of it to the orphanage and the other half to help Miss Annie Laurie at B. B. I.—F.L.S.

Oakland, Miss.,
March 3, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle. I read the children's page every week and enjoy it very much. I am a little girl ten years old and in the fourth grade. My teacher is Mrs. Margaret Bailey. I like her too. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. My Sunday school teacher is Mrs. Lizzie Pittman and I like her very much. I won two prizes last year for going to Sunday school every Sunday. I have two brothers and one sister older than I am and one brother younger. I am sending five cents to use as you wish.

I hope my letter isn't too long, for I'd like to see it in the Baptist Record.

With love,

Your friend,
Carline Tillman.

I have reason to believe that you have an excellent Sunday school teacher, who teaches you to be a doer of the Word as well as a hearer. You were certainly carrying off the prizes in S. S. Keep up the good work. We are grateful for your contribution.—F.L.S.

Rienzi, Miss.,
March 3, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am sorry I haven't written to you sooner. I have been going to school and haven't had time to write you. I made all "A's" on my report card last month. I have been to church but didn't get to go to Sunday school on account of a funeral. I am sending a dime for the orphan's home.

Your friend,

Lorene Stutts

Lorene, we are glad every time you take a little time and write to the circle. Your report sounds like that of an honor pupil. Congratulations! Thank you for this offering.—F. L. S.

Jayess, Miss.,
March 6, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I read the Children's Circle and enjoy it very much. I think it is the best part in the Record. I am a girl eleven years old and in the fifth grade. My birthday is February 26th. Who is my twin? I go to Jayess High school. My teacher is Mrs. Johnston. I like her fine. I have three brothers, Carl, seven years, Bertram, four years, and Beryl, four months.

I want to surprise Grandmother, so I hope to find my letter in the Children's Circle.

Your friend,

Fredine O-Quin.

Fredine, you are rich in brothers. I can tell you from experience that brothers are about the finest things that a girl can have. I know you think so too.—F.L.S.

Crowder, Miss.,
March 6, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

We are old farmers near Crowder. We belong to the Baptist church and take the Record and read and enjoy every line of it. We think you are doing a great work for a great cause. We are sending one dollar to use where needed most.

Yours very truly,

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Atkinson.

Your gift and your gracious words are appreciated more than you know, friends. But it is not I who am doing a great work; it is folk like you and these others who respond so willingly to every appeal.—F.L.S.

Gloster, Miss.,
March 6, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Enclosed is another dollar for the orphanage and B. B. I. student to be equally divided. I am sorry I

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am so late getting it in, it is about a month overdue. Please use the money for whatever it is needed most at this time, if the causes designated are not as urgent. You will hear from us again soon.

Regards and best wishes in your work, from

Jr. Dept., S. S., Teachers
Mrs. R. R. Tabor

It certainly is a pleasure to have some upon whom we can really depend, Mrs. Tabor, and we count you and your department among those. Thank each one of you very much.—F.L.S.

A FORGOTTEN GIRL

By Louis J. Bristow, Supt.

It was the voice of a noted plastic surgeon on the phone. Would we admit an afflicted girl who seemed to have been forgotten by the world? She was poor: it was a charity case and would be long drawn out.

I have seen many abnormal human faces, but never one comparable to that of this girl. It beggars description. A double hare-lip, a large cyst where the left eye should have been, the left eye almost in the region of the temple, the right eye out of place—it was the face of a dear young woman, all deformed and ugly. But she was cheerful and hopeful. The doctor had told her the surgery necessary might result fatally: but she said she would take the risk with the hope and prayer that she might be bettered. And she would glorify God, "whether it be by life or by death." So she was admitted and the surgical work was begun.

That was many months ago. She is up, walking about now, though she will be here many months yet. There is more surgery to be done, and much suffering for her to endure. But she is a noble young woman of bouyant Christian faith. And our prayers unite with hers for marked improvement in her face.

Surely those of us who have been blessed with normal bodies and features should be grateful: and—may I suggest it?—possibly some such one will be moved to help us care for the girl.

New Orleans.

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This Is March

And March is Study Course month, meaning that this is the first month in the year when we put on a united effort to lead every union in the entire Southern Baptist Convention to have a study course. Each year the number increases. That is true in Mississippi, and for 1940 we are expecting many unions, who have never had a study course, to have one. Not too late to plan it now—decide on the week, decide on the books to be studied. The Training Union Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., will gladly send you a leaflet giving the name of all study course books upon request. Select teachers, your pastor and other local talent will be best no doubt, advertise it, order the books from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss. All unused books may be returned for full credit. Start the teaching on Monday night; give an hour and a half each night through Friday night; grade the papers; use the regular form for reporting the names of those desiring awards—in ordering the books be sure to request these "Request for Award Blanks." They are free; send the names to the Training Union Department at Jackson, and when the awards are received have a graduation exercise and deliver the awards. Make the week count for all it will in the building of Christian character. Do not say "We should do this," say "We will do this," and begin NOW to carry out this decision.

Wanted Sixty Volunteers For Five Weeks

That is a BIG want isn't it? But that is just what we want, and expect to get for our special summer campaign this year. We will have three groups of twenty each and will locate these in three sections of the state. They will work together by twos for five weeks in fifteen different associations. We begin July 14 and run through August 16th. There will be a good many students and school teachers in this large group of volunteer workers, their only pay being the rich blessings in joy and growth resulting from such experiences, we pay the expenses is all. We will not be able to use all who volunteer, but if you who read this are interested in being one of the sixty, drop us a card. We are asking all to earnestly pray for the success of our plans. We simply seek to advance the Kingdom of the King.

Copiah-Lincoln B. S. U. Promotes B. T. U. Training Union

Mr. James Fairchild, Jr., student secretary at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, reports a progressive program of Training Union work on the campus. With about 135 students enrolled in the three college unions they have had one study course already this session, this was held in the fall with brother A. W. Talbert

of Jackson serving as teacher. Another study course has been planned for a week in April in which the Manual will be taught, this in the interest of the students being better prepared to help organize and strengthen the Training Union work in their own church when they go home for the summer. Congratulations, and best wishes. It will be a great day when every college can have a student secretary.

Jones Junior College B. S. U. Plans Extension Program

Under the leadership of Miss Jimmie Reese, student secretary at Jones Junior College, and Brother W. E. Green, pastor of the Ellisville church, a splendid program, contemplated to organize and strengthen Baptist Training Unions all over Jones and adjoining counties is being planned. This work was begun when Miss Miley was secretary and when brother Eure was pastor and is being continued. Students, with zeal, information, and a desire to serve the Master, make good missionaries. These young people will carry back home with them more than a diploma, and their diploma will be worth more because of this PLUS they are receiving.

Copiah Associational B. T. U. Shows Great Gains

Miss Margaret Miller, Associational Union Director of Copiah Association, in reporting their work give some interesting facts about their gains during the past few years. Four years ago when we began our five year program. Four years ago, when we began our five year program, seventeen of the twenty nine churches had one or more unions, now 23 of the 29, have one or more unions, and 20 of these have a director. The enrollment four years ago was 800, now it is 1,289. In 1939 about four times as many churches had study courses as in 1938. This is a splendid record and shows that 80% of the churches have Training Union work. The average for the state is 56%, the average for the Southern Baptist Convention is 52%.

Want A Singer For Your Meeting This Summer?

We are glad to give here the names of Mr. George Powell whose address is Walnut, Miss., as a young man who will be glad to serve any pastor as song leader in his meeting this summer. Mr. Powell is director of the Training Union at Chalybeate, Miss. He loves the Lord and the work of the Lord. He will be available from June 2nd on. Write him direct if interested.

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Progress In Pike

The heading of this note can be interpreted in two ways: it can be taken to mean that progress is going on in Pike County, and this is true, but it is intended to mean that we are about to say a word about the Progress church in Pike County. They have recently re-organized their Training Union and Mrs. Juanita Page was elected to the office of director. Mr. H. A. Scott of Tylertown, our State Training Union President, at the invitation of the church made them a visit and conducted a roundtable discussion that led to the re-organization. Mrs. Page in planning for the success of the union has already laid the foundation for a Training School, and by the time you read this it will have been held. No better way to start than to bring all the members together to study the work of the officers and committees, these are found in the Manuals.

LITTLE VICTORIES

She was a deaf and dumb young lady, and saw her older brother hurry down the aisle in the revival meeting, sobbing in his handkerchief, conscious of his being a deep sinner and lost soul, coming to Christ. She sobbed on the shoulder of the lady near her. Days went by, and she began to attend the morning services. The evangelist told the pastor's wife, a deeply consecrated Christian, that he believed the young lady was under conviction. At the close of one morning service, the pastor's wife pointed to the words of "Just as I am," in the song book, then at the young lady, and she nodded her head. So she was brought forward after that service had closed. Her mother and several others remained, while the evangelist began to deal with her, by writing questions on paper, while her mother looked on. Such questions as these were asked: "I felt the night your brother came forward that you knew what he was doing and that you wanted to do the same thing. Was I right?" She nodded "yes." "Could you read the evangelist's lips while he was preaching?" She replied, "No." "Did the Holy Spirit tell you what the evangelist was preaching about?" She replied, "Yes." "Are you ready to accept Christ as your Saviour now?" She replied, "Yes." That night in the service, she came forward to confess Christ as her Saviour, deeply moved in tears. I saw her come up out of the baptismal waters, with the smile of Heaven on her face. I

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saw, in her case, the Holy Spirit working directly upon a lost soul, and making the sermons clear to her, bringing her under deep conviction, and leading her into the joy of salvation in Christ Jesus, her soul radiant, even though the windows of her soul were sealed lips and ears. Praise the Lord.

Wm. S. Dixon, Evangelist.
c/o Robt. H. Coleman,
Dallas, Texas.

CHURCH LOYALTY CAMPAIGN

The Laurel First Baptist Church is in the midst of a Church Loyalty Campaign, and a real revival. Eighty nine groups, directed by Dr. and Mrs. L. G. Gates and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scholfield are giving themselves to the enlistment of the unenlisted and the winning of the unsaved. Nineteen additions during February, nine by profession and ten by letter. Ten additions on the first Sunday in March. Overflow crowds at all services on Sunday, and the prayer service attendance more than tripled.

The church budget of \$300.00 per week was adopted this year and \$340.00 per week subscribed with 510 subscriptions, 210 members signed the tithers pledge voluntarily. This was the result of the work of a great pastor and a group of faithful co-workers over a period of years. Dr. Gates has been faithful in preaching God's plan of financing His kingdom. During February the offering through the regular channels was \$313.14 more than the budget, and in addition \$375.00 was contributed for special objects. This was the first month of the Loyalty Campaign.

The W. M. U. led the church in the raising of \$625.00 for the Lottie Moon Offering during December, and they are now leading in the enlistment of the members in the Loyalty Campaign. The Brotherhood is also active in this work.

Our revival meeting begins Sunday, March 17th with Dr. J. B. Lawrence doing the preaching.

Harry Smallwood, Chm.
Finance Committee.

Baptist Temple in Havana, Cuba, in February celebrated the thirty-fifth year of Dr. W. N. McCall's mission work in Cuba. There are over 50 churches in Western Cuba with 4,000 members.

After one of Alice's naughty periods, her mother said that, instead of punishing her again, she thought she would have to get a good little girl in her place. Alice started laughing, and when asked why, replied, "You can't do that, 'cause no lady would swap you a good little girl to get a worser!"

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Richmond, Va.—In all probability by midsummer two thirds of all the peoples of the world will be directly involved in this horrible and destructive war. America must at all costs preserve her neutrality and stay out of the raging conflict, so that she will be in a position to be the friend and helper of all the suffering peoples of earth when the conflict is over. To do this, we must set our own spiritual house in order so that we shall be ready to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of all the nations, when they shall have all but destroyed one another. This nation never needed the Gospel of Christ quite so desperately as we need it now. It is the only thing that will hold us true to our great world purpose and ideals in this hour when all the rest of the world is in grave danger of being engulfed in the maelstrom of insane and suicidal war.

God Almighty has set America apart between the mighty oceans to be the friend and servant of all the nations. Our Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention never faced a more crucial and challenging hour in its ninety-five years of its notable service than it faces today. The spiritual destiny of millions hangs in the balance as the Woman's Missionary Union comes to the hour for the Annie W. Armstrong sacrificial offering for Home Mission. The Home Board will need \$200,000 for its critical needs for 1940. May the response be adequate and glorious!

IS THE U. S. A. A CHRISTIAN NATION?

Richmond, Va.—In reply to the question "What is the religious status of the United States?" the Richmond News Leader states:

"Someone else who recently asked the same question clarified it somewhat by asking whether or not the United States could be classified as a Christian nation. It is generally so classified, though freedom of worship and the separation of church and state are fundamental American principles. Actually less than fifty per cent of the population of the United States hold membership in a Christian church. According to a compilation made by the Rev. H. C. Weber and published in the "1939 Year Book of American Churches," under the direction of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, there were, in 1938, 32,940,965 Protestants and 15,492,016 Roman Catholics, 13 years of age or over; total Christian church membership, 48,432,981, excluding any babies or small children who, in some churches, are considered members from the time of baptism. In 1938, Dr. Weber said, "The ratio of church membership to total population has shown a steady and remarkable increase rising from 19.9 per cent in 1880 to 39.8 per cent in 1920, and 49.9 per cent in 1937 for persons 13 years of age or over."

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING EXCEEDS GOAL

Richmond, Va.—The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has already far surpassed the goal of \$200,000.00 set by W. M. U. of the South for 1939. The amounts received from the several states of the Southern Baptist Convention are as follows:

Alabama	\$ 13,061.61
Arizona	316.06
Arkansas	9,295.42
D. C.	900.00
Florida	8,882.28
Georgia	21,643.09
Illinois	3,420.98
Kentucky	11,847.17
Louisiana	11,593.54
Maryland	2,500.00
Mississippi	14,620.43
Missouri	13,002.20
New Mexico	1,789.41
North Carolina	39,534.52
Oklahoma	11,777.88
South Carolina	22,026.62
Tennessee	20,763.89
Texas	61,770.73
Virginia	42,634.69
Miscellaneous	643.00
Total	\$311,923.52

America at the Crossroads

By Charles E. Maddy, Executive Secretary
Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

SYMPATHY

Richmond, Va.—The Foreign Mission Board extends deepest sympathy to three of its missionary families from whose family circle a loved one has recently been taken.

On February 25 Mrs. U. H. Pool of Grapevine, Texas, mother of Dr. J. Christie Pool of Ogbomosh, Nigeria, Africa, passed away as the result of a stroke of paralysis.

Mrs. Ray U. Northrip, recently appointed missionary to Ogbomosh, on February 28 lost her mother, Mrs. W. F. Spencer of Oklahoma City. Mrs. Spencer had been ill for some time, and was in very bad health when Mrs. Northrip sailed for Africa in December.

A cablegram has just been received announcing the death of Elizabeth Larson on March 2 in Peiping, China. She died as the result of an operation. Miss Larson was the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. I. V. Larson of Tsingtao, Shantung, China.

WANTED: VICTROLA RECORDS

Richmond, Va.—In China several missionaries working with students can use to great advantage Victrola records of operas, symphonies, classical and semi-classical compositions, and folk songs. Fifteen or twenty minutes of good music in the home of a missionary often prepares the way for an evening of discussing Christ and His offer to the youth of China. Southern Baptists who no longer use their Victrolas and who wish to donate such records to missionary service may send them to Miss Inabelle Coleman, Box 1595, Richmond, Va.

NO RETREAT IN THE ORIENT

Richmond, Va.—(F.M.B.)—That Baptist work in the Orient has been maintained throughout the period of the war and that the churches and missions are today advancing in their plans to meet the challenging opportunities for Christian service which now confront them are some of the convincing facts contained in the 1939 annual reports to the Foreign Mission Board.

The year 1939, instead of marking a period of retrenchment, has witnessed a courageous advance in Kingdom service. During the year more than five thousand people united with Baptist churches in China. In the spring of 1939 a movement was begun which is now bearing fruit in the special evangelistic meetings that Baptists of China are conducting throughout the nation during 1940. In last September, despite the dangerous and uncertain conditions which prevailed, a long cherished hope of Chinese Baptists was realized when the China Baptist Theological Seminary for advanced students was opened in Kai-fing with a first-year class of six students.

Already Shanghai churches are making plans for more buildings. The Old North Gate Church has purchased an excellent site in the heart of the city and is studying plans for a new building. The Cantonese Church of Shanghai, since the outbreak of the war, has paid off the full indebtedness of \$8000 which it owed on the old building that was destroyed and the members are now making plans for a new site and building. Grace Church has raised a goodly amount of money for their new building.

Reports from Japan bring news of the recent formation of the United Baptist Convention of Japan and the adoption of an enlarged and strengthened program of work by this body of Christians.

Similar interesting and convincing information concerning Kingdom progress in the schools, hospitals, and other places of work is contained in the reports which have come to the Foreign Mission Board during the past week.

—M. T. Rankin, Secretary of the Orient.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Richmond, Va.—The spring meeting of the Foreign Mission Board will be held in Richmond, Va., April 10-11.

"Missionary candidates, God-called and splendidly trained will be pressing the Board for appointment. The mission fields, white unto harvest, are pleading for recruits. We believe God has raised up this fine group of young people for this hour. How shall we provide for their support?" are the burning words of the executive secretary as he calls all the state representatives to join the local members for this important meeting.—The Commission, April, 1940.

NEW FOREIGN MISSION TRACT

Richmond, Va.—Southern Baptists in Japan another free tract in the Foreign Mission Board's Rainbow Series is now ready for distribution. This tract will be a valuable piece of supplementary material in the mission study classes for 1940 as they will major on Japan. The tract contains eight pages of facts, a map of the Japanese Empire, and list of all Southern Baptist missionaries appointed for work in Japan. To secure copies of this tract write Miss Mary M. Hunter, Box 1595, Richmond, Virginia.

GARROTT'S IN LOUISVILLE

Richmond, Va.—In January Dr. and Mrs. W. Maxfield Garrott and their little daughter, Betsey, moved from New York to Louisville.

Dr. Garrott spent the autumn of his furlough year studying in New York. For the springtime he and Mrs. Garrott have many engagements to speak to churches and state conventions. Mrs. Garrott was Miss Dorothy Carver before she was married in 1938 to Dr. Garrott. Their address is: 231 Judson Hall, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

GRATITUDE TO BAPTIST TRAINING UNIONS

Richmond, Va.—(F.M.B.)—The Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention announces a gratifying response to the call for China Relief. Since the first of February the Board has received a daily average of eight or ten gifts in every mail.

The Board is very grateful for these offerings representing thousands of individual training union members through the Southland. It signifies their definite interest in foreign missions. These gifts will in the name of Christ save the lives of thousands in China during these days of war and suffering.

SUPPLEMENTING MODERN MACEDONIA

Richmond, Va. — With the daily press and monthly periodicals focusing Europe, and especially the Balkans, a vast amount of material is available for supplementing the foreign mission graded series of books featuring Europe.

For example, on page 107 of February's Reader's Digest Louis Adamic gives a significant human interest portrayal of some of the customs of Yugoslavia in "Death Waits for Uncle Yanez." Teachers of Modern Macedonia by Earl Hester Trutza will find some valuable source material in this condensation from The Native's Return.

Modern Macedonia is just off the press and comes from the ready pen of one of Southern Baptists most observant, earnest messengers overseas. The author has not only served as a missionary in Rumania, but has visited from time to time practically all of Europe.

Prentiss: Five weeks of our church loyalty crusade have now passed. The results have been far greater than we had anticipated. In spite of bad weather and a great deal of sickness through February, attendance has increased about 35%. Had you visited in our church last Sunday, you would have thought we were in the midst of a revival meeting. Hardly a service passes without additions to the church—six on one Sunday. God is richly blessing our efforts, and we are grateful to Him for it. Pray for us—W. L. Holcomb.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON—

(Continued from page 10)

not themselves inflict the death penalty, and they were determined that Jesus should die. But Pilate being a man of keen perception saw at once that the Jewish leaders had no case against Jesus, and that they had delivered Him up to judgment because of envy and jealousy of Him; so Pilate began an attempt to get Jesus out of the clutches of these hate-filled men. Let us list these efforts, and then look at them in their order. Pilate's desire to save Jesus manifested itself in six efforts.

(1) A proposition to turn the case over to the Jewish rulers. (John 18:31). "Take Him yourselves and judge Him according to your law." "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death."

(b) Pilate sends Jesus to Herod (Luke 23:6, 7).

Read Luke 23:6-12. Pilate made attempt to get rid of the affair by sending Jesus to Herod, who was glad to see Jesus; because of what had been told him of Jesus' doings. Herod had a superstition that Jesus was John the Baptist come back from the dead, but his first sight of Jesus seems to have dissipated this fear, and he and the "Soldiers set Him at naught."

(c) Pilate suggests that Jesus may be released according to custom (Mark 15:6, 7; Matt. 27:15-24).

Here Pilate is trying to induce the Jewish leaders to allow him to pardon Jesus. And that is the reason Pilate paired Jesus with Barabbas. Barabbas was the worst man Pilate had in prison, and he thought that, by reducing the choice to one between Barabbas and Jesus the people would certainly ask for the release of Jesus. By this time the leaders had turned the mob against Jesus, and they were howling for His blood like a pack of famished wolves. So when Pilate asked of them, "Which of the two will you that I pardon?" they cried "Barabbas."

(d) Pilate proposes that he will scourge Jesus and release Him. (Luke 23:16-20; John 19:1-5).

The multitude was unwilling to be thrown off the scent, so Pilate is being hemmed in.

(e) Pilate washes his hands and disclaims responsibility. (Matthew 27:24). The mob accepts full responsibility.

(f) Pilate appeals and remonstrates. (John 19:14-16).

This is Pilate's sixth and last effort to save Jesus. Pilate was of course, a political opportunist, willing to sacrifice a good man in order to retain his office under the Roman government. That which turned him from the path of justice was the threat of the Jewish leaders that they would let the Roman emperor be informed that Pilate had pardoned a man who claimed to be a king, thus setting himself in rebellion against the government. Pilate's whole course here was that of a moral coward. He allowed the voice of a howling mob to sway him in a matter involving a grave injustice to an innocent man. There is a good sermon in this incident for a preacher who has sense enough to dig it out.

So the mob has its way with Pilate and an innocent man is flung to the mob to slake its bestial thirst for blood.

II. The Crucifixion (Matt. 27:33-50)

The cool of the morning passed into the heat of the day as the soldiers of Pilate led Jesus away and crucified Him on Calvary. No one knows just where the place that the dear Lord was crucified, but it must have been somewhere outside the city walls. I am told that there is no mountain, nor even a large hill near by; I have known this for years, and yet, I invariably think of a Mount Calvary. Golgotha and Calvary are the names in different languages of the same place. With what appears much reason it is suggested that it was the usual place of execution and, the bodies of the crucified being left there to the mercies of the vultures and the scavengers in the forms of dogs and other like animals, the place became one where a skull might easily be seen, and so got the name, Golgotha place. Be that as it may, our language, Calvary, place of a skull. Dr. Patterson says there is an old hill outside the city gate the contour of which has some features of a skull, and he thinks this may be the place. But that as it may, our Lord was nailed to the cross at about nine o'clock in the morning, and at about three o'clock of the same day, or six hours from the time He was crucified, our Lord dismissed His spirit into the keeping of His Father. He was only six hours on the cross alive, and I doubt if ever before a man had died upon a cross in so brief a space. Sometimes they lived for as long as seven days. But in this six hours during which our Lord hung on the cross alive the world of moral intelligences passed through its greatest crisis; its judgment, its salvation. The greatest conflict of the ages is concentrated in these hours of agony. In the brief record of them we have the very core and kernel of the gospel of "Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

So they took Him to the field of death, the scene of Satan's frequent triumphs, and there on Satan's own jousting ground, our champion unhorsed our enemy and gained for us the victory. The servants of the devil got a grip of our Savior and nailed Him to a cross on Golgotha, the devil's own land, fastened Him down, took all advantage of Him, and forced the Maker of the great sun to fight in the dark, their dark, but our gallant Knight shivered the lance of His enemy, flung him to the ground and set his victor's heel upon the conquered enemy's neck. The workers of wickedness took Him, bound Him, and pushed Him into the gory jaws of death, into the horrid mouth of hell, and when He had wrenched the mortal bonds asunder, He came out of the shattered jaws, through the broken bars, with the soul of a redeemed robber in His arms, and the light of eternal day upon His gallant brow.

See what they wrote upon a board and nailed above His head on the upright of the cross! In three languages they wrote it, that all who ran might read it: "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews," and that was the offense for which He was put to death! "That was His accusation! Nay, it was His coronation! This is Jesus—Savior—name above every name. I think it cheered his heart in the hour of darkness to know that it was there. This is the Savior—the King—never more really the King than when this writing was His crown. King of the Jews—the Jews—yes, rejected by them now, but their King none the less!

"Yielded up His Spirit" (Matthew 27:50). "He dismissed His Spirit." He went away of His own volition when He had said of his work on earth, "It is finished."

VISITS MISSISSIPPI

Superintendent B. F. Wallace of the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home, Mrs. Wallace, Miss Eva Harper and Mrs. Josie Mathews spent one day last week as guests of the Baptist Home of Jackson. Brother Wallace says "Mississippi should rejoice at the wonderful progress that is being made at the Baptist Home. These new buildings will to a great extent aid in making new men and women. Superintendent Mize has demonstrated to those of us who know orphanage work his outstanding ability. It is a pleasure to me, says brother Wallace, to pass through the old home state, to visit its institutions, and to have fellow-

ship with those I have known in former years."

Ten minutes spent in the office of Dr. D. M. Nelson of Mississippi College brought more pleasant memories than could be written in many days. Mississippi College is always remembered by its former students, whatever their place of service may be. When any of my Mississippi friends come through Monroe, the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home, on Highway 80 five miles east of Monroe, will give them a warm welcome.—B. F. Wallace.

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Letter From A Loyal Brother

The following letter was received from a good brother in Christ whose name we properly withhold:

"I have been asked by anti-Board Baptist members if it does not cost more to send money to missionaries through the board. I tell them no, but that is about as far as I can go with it. They think because the Board has an office force it takes up most of the mission money. They tell me all it costs their churches to send it is just the postage it takes to carry it. I know better, but I cannot explain it to them for lack of detailed information. Doesn't the Board have a good many more Home and Foreign Missionaries in the field than the anti-Board? Cannot this information be published in the Baptist Record? If not, would like very much to get detailed information."

First question asked: Doesn't it cost more to send money through the Board?

Answer: Study the overhead in each church, and the Board office overhead and compare them. You may be surprised.

Second question: Doesn't the office force use up most of the money?

Answer: In 1939 the audit shows less than 17c out of each dollar collected was so used. The office sent over \$74,000.00 to causes beyond the state in 1939.

Third question: Does it cost only postage from their churches?

We do not know what it costs the anti-Board people to handle the money. We only know that it costs something to raise money. And the anti-Board people raise very little. They have no foreign missionaries, so far as we know, and few of any other sort. They raise very little money and do very little work.

Fourth question: Doesn't the Board have many more Home and Foreign missionaries in the field than the anti-Board?

Answer: The Board helps 395 Home Board Missionaries, 437 Foreign Board Missionaries and much more. Suppose you ask others for their lists. You will be happy you are a Southern Baptist. Ask other denominations. You will still be happy.

Fifth Question: Can't this information be published in the Baptist Record?

Answer: It has been published all along and is now being published. Questions are always invited.

Comment: The Brother writing this letter is one of the many over the State standing faithfully under unjust and false criticism about the work of His Lord.

God Almighty is looking for men (Ezekiel 22:30) rather than mushrooms! Men who stand for Him and His Cause. Heb. 11:32! Men who will be trumpets (I Thess. 1:7-10), rather than politic (Ephesians 6:6)!

Some Mississippi Baptists seem not to realize the pressure some brethren out in the State labor under. Surely they would not line up with betrayers, of the work of the Lord!

God bless you Brother!

Call on us when we may help!

For years we stood by and fought for the work of our Lord as pastor. We shall certainly not stop now!

Mississippi Baptists Get The Truth

The following facts were secured from Secretary McCall's office to answer the inquiry of a good Baptist brother with reference to the expense of carrying on the mission work of Mississippi Baptists.

"I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost." Rom. 9:1. Thus spake Paul the greatest Christian missionary in the long ago.

Your Secretary gives you figures and facts as they are. They are not all as he would like them to be, but they are as Mississippi and other Southern Baptists made them under God's hand. They were made in the spirit of love and loyalty, and made despite indifference, disloyalty, and deliberate deceit, in many places.

For 1939 the audits show total receipts (Co-operative Program, Designated and Five Thousand Club, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, State Missions, Christian Education, Orphanage, Hospitals, Ministerial Education, Christian Education, Training School, Annuity and Relief, Seminaries, etc.) through your Miss. Baptist Convention Board office, to be \$202,692.45. The total cost of collecting and handling this money along with the cost of promoting the whole work was \$34,341.14. Some few items are set up in this latter sum that undoubtedly should not be there but we leave the figures as they are in the audit.

Now, using simple old fashioned long division below, we find the percentage of so called overhead cost to be .169+—just call it 17%. Has the carping critic told you that? Has he told you the truth?

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Now, that less than 17% of cost includes \$8,801.35 for W. M. U. The W. M. U. last year raised in special gifts \$42,619.11 that came through this office beside much that went direct and through the Co-operative Program. Most of this would not have been given but for our promotional work. Did the carping critic tell you that? Did the carping critic tell the truth? Over \$30,000.00 of this \$42,619.11 went to causes beyond the state. Did the carping critic tell you this? Did he tell the truth?

That less than 17% cost also includes \$4,789.08 expense in Five Thousand Club. But it produced \$17,178.87 in cash. Did the carping critic tell you that? Did he tell the truth?

That 17% cost also helped send over \$74,000.00 of total receipts to causes beyond Mississippi. Did the carping critic tell you that? Did he tell the truth? Did he not rather try to make it appear that just about all the money was spent within the state? Is that the truth when audits show that more than \$74,000.00 went on out of the state? We know quite a bit more than that from our own work went out of the state. The Board and this office helped at that point also.

Did the carping critic tell you these offices service every denominational and church cause dear to our hearts and the heart of Jesus?

Did the carping critic tell you that from one salary out of this 17% cost several score persons heard the word and were saved, and, several scores walked down the aisles for Christ and church, and, hundreds asked for prayer, and, hundreds reconsecrated themselves? Did he tell you the truth? Maybe souls don't count so much with him.

"I lie not, my conscience" and the audits bear witness that the truth is spoken!

Did the carping critic tell you that if the Co-operative Program was wrecked, hundreds of Missionaries would have to be called from the field and thousands and thousands more lost souls without the Gospel would topple into Hell?

Ask the carying critic to give you the NAMES AND ADDRESSES of Missionaries he helps support! We are publishing a large part of ours. Let him publish his. Let him give you a list of his orphanages, hospitals, etc.

We are convinced the devil desires our cooperative work to fail. See 2 Cor. 6:1. The devil is against all the truth of the Book. He employs agencies. Don't line up with him. But rather line up with God's people who seek to girdle the globe with the Gospel.

I Kings 18:21.

Joshua 18:3.

Joshua 23:10, 11, 14-15.

Exodus 32:26.

Give the people the truth. Many will believe it. Many will be helped by it.

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